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### TODAY'S NEWS

#### Tories turn on MPs

A Conservative version of the peasants' revolt convulsed the party conference in Blackpool yesterday. Representatives attacked the disloyal behaviour of grandees and MPs - described by Lord Archer as forming "a circular firing squad" - and promised their new leader William Hague that he would not have to endure what John Major had gone through. A rule change for future leadership contests suggested by Lord Archer, giving grassroots Tories half the votes would, if implemented, make Mr Hague more secure and might end the Tory habit of disposing of their leaders by parliamentary putsch. Page 6

#### **Hunger in Paradise**

People in the remote and beautiful highlands of Papua New Guinea are dying of hunger, as the long dry spell caused by El Nino, the weather-changing phenomenon, destroys the crops. Richard Lloyd Parry, the first Western reporter to gain access to an area where tragedy looms, files his exclusive report on page 5.

#### The supercashcard

The Royal Bank of Scotland's 2.5 million custome yesterday became the only group in the UK with free. access to any of the country's 22,000-plus cash machines. Britain is the only country in the world to have a cash machine network which is not available to anyone with a cashpoint card. Page 22

#### Market crash warning

The stockmarket took fright yesterday when Alan Greenspan, the influential chairman of the US Federal Reserve, delivered a shock warning that America's economic boom was unsustainable. With the tenth anniversary of the last crash approaching, his remarks were seen as a deliberate effort to puncture Wall Street's share bubble. Shares duly dived. Page 22

#### Decaf coffee beans

First genetically cloned sheep. Now caffeine-free coffee beans. It may sound like a fantasy but ForBio, a small Australian blotechnology company, has found a way of growing coffee beans without the caffeine and improving the flavour of the world's favourite beverage to boot. Not surprisingly the world's biggest coffee producers who spend billions on chemically removing caffeine are sniffing around. Page 24

#### SEEN & HEARD

Times may be changing, but the Wee Frees are not about to give up their hard line on dancing. Grooving on the dance floor is as sinful as ever in the eyes of the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland. And, lest anyone forget, the current issue of its magazine includes a reprinted article on the subject from the 1920s. People who attend all sorts of dances are labelled "the frivolous, the empty-headed, the vain, the silly, the dissipated and the dissolute", and the act of dancing is derided as being "for mere sensual enjoyment". The re-iteration of policy was prompted by rumours that some members of the church have taken to the dance floor recently at weddings.



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# A new ruling from the Lord Chief Justice: Let's talk about dope



Joint effort: The painter Caroline Coon, founder of Release, the drugs advice charity, who is supporting the campaign to legalise marijuana

The country's most senior judge called for an open debate on decriminalising the use of cannabis, Our Legal Affairs Editor says Lord Bingham has reignited a controversial debate that the Government wishes would go away.

Yesterday's statement by the Lord Chief Justice gave a significant boost to the growing campaign for the decriminalisatino of soft drugs. "It is a subject that deserves, in my judgment, detached, nbjective, independent consideration," he

The campaign to ditch a law which to many has been long discredited, has been led by the Independent on Sunday and a growing oumber of celebrities and public figures in the face of government hos-

High-profile figures, such as Sir Paul McCartney, have declared their backing for the decriminalisation of cannabis. But the Lord Chief Justice's support for a detailed examination of the subject is the first contribution to the current debate from a senior member of the legal establishment.

Others backing the campaign range right across public life, and include the authors Martin Amis and Fay Weldon, Alan Yentob, director of television at the BBC, playwright Harold Pinter, Sir Kit McMahon, former chairman of the Midland Bank, actor Richard Wilson, the Body Shop owner Anita Roddick and Richard Branson.

Lord Bingham emphasised that he was not expressing a concluded view on decriminalisation, but welcomed the recent decision by the independent Police Foundation to mount an inquiry into the en-

"It may very well be that the result of such consideration would be that to tinker with the current prohibition would be madness, but that doesn't seem to me an argument against considering the sug-

gestinn," he said during his secood setniece news conference, which is oow to become an annual autumn event.

If an objective, independent study showed that existing law was 100 per cent correct, that would reassure everybody,

His remarks came less than a week after Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, ruled out any moves towards decriminalisation nf cannabis in his speech to the Labour Party conference, and a week ahead of the appointment of the new "drugs tsar" who will co-ordinate a Whitehall-wide offensive to combat drug abuse.

Tony Blair and his Government have fought shy of the subject ever since Clare Short, oow Secretary of State for International Development, dared to speculate openly about legalising

#### PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES

cannabis while Labour was in opposition. Only the Liberal Democrats support a full-scale inquiry by a Royal Commission; the study commissioned by the Police Foundation, which receives financial backing from the Prince of Wales' Trust, has already been dubbed the "unofficial" Royal Commission.

In the last fortnight, however, two Labour backbenchers, Paul Flynn, MP for Newport West and Gordon Prentice, MP for Pendie, have put their heads above the parapet and joined the campaign for decriminalisation launched by the Inde-

pendent on Sunday a fortnight ago. Mike Goodman, of Release, the drugs advice charity, welcomed the Lord Chief Justice's remarks. "I think it is a refreshingly candid contribution to one of the most important debates at the moment," he said.

But Mr Straw has hranded the decriminalisation lubby "irresponsible", warning that consumption would go up,

leading to high rates of absenteeism, aggravation of meotal illness and more people switching to hard drugs.

Jane Betts, the mother of Leah Betts, who died after taking ecstasy at her 18th birthday party, said: "I view with worry proposals like this because very often the nutcome is predetermined."

The Conservative home affairs spokesman, Sir Brian Mawhinney, said: "This party does not believe that drugs should be decriminalised."

Brian Mackenzie, president of the Police Superintendents' Association, said be opposed any move towards decriminalisation. "Any relaxating in the attitude towards prosecuting people for the possession of drugs would be a wrong step. It would send totally the wrong sig-

"By all means have a debate, but I think the vast majority of the public agrees with us and is against legalisation or decriminalisation. To do so would simply increase drugs usage and that would be a mad move."

A spokesman for the Association of Chief Police Officers said: "More research is always welcome in any area, but we support the Government's policy and oppose

the concept of decriminalisation." Lord Bingham also used the press conference to welcome the Government's decision to make the European Convention on Human Rights a part of British law while warning of the consequences for the media. "I do think this will lead inevitably to the development in this country of a law of privacy," he said. But he emphasised that the convention also protected the press's right to free speech.

What is going to have to be confronted is the demarcation boundary between free speech and privacy," he said. In deciding which side to come down on, the courts would apply a test of public interest, he said.

The reporting of wrongdoing by an individual in public office would be considered to be in the public interest and justify intrusion into their privacy but the same would not apply to matters affecting their private lives which did not affect their office, he said.





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To you it may be only a pigeon. But to Keith Turner it was a "goldeo egg", a bird that made his dreams come true, a champion among champions - not to mention the fact that it was worth £30,000.

It was Red Daniel, an eight-year-old racing pigeon and the object of desire for a gang of thieves who breached Mr Turner's security cordon to snatch the bird and £70,000 worth of other top breeding pigeons.

The gang struck in driving rain in the early hours of Tuesday. Its members - likely to be other racing pigeon fanciers - bad probably been to Red Daniels' loft in Fingringhoe, Essex, before because they knew all about the light sensors which would have alerted Mr Turuer in his bed, and they managed to avoid them.

"There was just one blind spot, but they seemed to know all about it," said Mr Turner. "Now they've taken the backbone of my stock - a life's work."

The thieves took Red Daniel and 15 pairs of breeding pigeons, leaving behind only one of Red's offspring, probably by accident. It was no accident, however, that they targeted the loft in the first place because Red Daniel is a former British champion racing pigeon. And that makes him proportionately as valuable in his sport as a thoroughbred racehorse

Racing pigeons is a lucrative sport, with purses in many races reaching thousands of pounds. The world's biggest prize is for a million-dollar race in Africa where birds are taken as chicks and raised in one buge toft until ready to race; the first back to the loft makes its owner very

"Red Daniel was like a golden egg to me," said Mr Turner, 51, a former railway worker. "Wheoever t needed anything. I'd advertise some of his chicks in the paper and within one or two phone calls they'd be gone. They fetched £500 each.

"I feel absolutely devastated about the loft. A bird like Red Daniel is one in 10,000. I doubt I'll ever be able to raise one like him again."

The thieves will have stolen Mr Turner's hirds to enrich their own stock. But, like the crooks who stole the racehorse Shergar, they won't be able to sell Red Daniel on the open market and they will not be able to casb io on his breeding poteotial; they can hardly tell a poteotial buyer that a stolen hird, bowever good, sired a chick.

Eventually, however, if they win enough races with Red Daniels' offspring, those birds will attain a breeding value of their own.

Nevertheless, they will have a long way to go before attaining the sort of superstar status reserved for Invincible Spirit, a bird bought for £110,000 after defeating 27,000 other birds to win the 719 mile Barcelona International classic race in 1992. He was snapped up by the Massarella family for their £1m pigeon breeding centre, Louella Pigeon World io Loughborough, Leicestershire, Invincible Spirit lives in a secret loft, hidden somewhere on the estates owned by the Massarella family in Leicestershire. Yorkshire and Scotland. Security men are on 24-hour duty with at least one member of the Massarella family always on instant call,

One of the perks of the pigeon's job is that be never bas to race again for to lose him would be disastrous. Instead, eight carefully selected hens, champions or the daughters of champions, are taken to him each year for breeding purposes. If everything goes well, and it usually does, every hatched bird bas the potential to become a golden pigeon in its own right. Each of Invincible Spirit's 400 expected offspring fetch £5,000

None of which provides any consolation for Mr Turner. His flock wasn't insured - no company will take a chance on racing-pigeon tosses - but be always has a faint hope that Red Daniel might escape. For if he does, he will surely find his way home.

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Cheers: Television executive Greg Dyke, before his link with the NHS Photograph: Reuters

#### TV chief charts new course in the health service

sion screens has been pot in charge of reworking the Patieor's Charter in time for the 50th anniversary of the NHS next year.

bealth professions, patients' organisations, the pointments, abused nurses or turned up drink in NHS and with consumer groups to draw up the new Accident and Emergency Departments.

The new NHS charter wilt emphasise the rekeep standards for waiting times and include measurable standards of care.

be simplified and made clearer to consumers," said are positively harmful. We are saying you should Mr Dyke. "It is the mood of the times that rights not turn up drunk at A&E, you should not duff up and obligations are included in the new charter." He said that he was a "great fan" of the NHS.

"I am a consumer, not a health expert which is, I think, wby I have been asked to take this on." He said that although be belooged to a private health

The man who brought Roland Rat to our televi- scheme through his work be did use NHS services. But Frank Dobson, Secretary of State for Health, warned yesterday that patients must recognise that they have obligations as well as rights in . Greg Dyke, chairman and chief executive of Pear- the National Health Service, and did not rule out son TV, will work with a panel of advisors from the sanctions against patients who failed to cancel ap-

"We all bave responsibilities as well as rights," said Mr Dobson. "If you have an appointment at sponsibilities of patients as well as their rights, will outpatients and you simply don't turn up it is not just harmful for you, a nuisance for staff, but also another patient who might have been seen won't "The Patient's Charter at the momeot needs to have been seen," he said. "People do things which

> He said that some people did support sanctions against patients that behaved in this way although others felt it might "do more harm than good".

#### Best kicks off in Italian wine business

After years spent indulging in the finest tipples on the market, George Best, the legendary footballer, has gone into the wine, selling business.

The former Manchester Unitcd striker (right) has become a sleeping partner in a West London venture importing wines and delicacies from Italy.

His close friend Carlo Cataldi, who owns a restaurant in Fulham. south-west London, will look af- has been coming to the restaurant 20 years". McKendrick, who was ter the day-to-day running of the for years. I got to know and be- born in Liverpool in 1955, won business while Best remains a friend him and now we have the Eric Gregory Award in 1984 non-executive director free to decided to work together." appreciate the company's liquid assets. Mr Cataldi and his wine be a regular sight behind the shop same year. guru Luigi Bolzon are confident counter. "I've got enough to do For the fourth year running. that the involvement of such a well- anyway, what with charity match- the corporate world will today known name will guarantee that es, my writing for Punch, com- embrace National Poetry Day. the husiness is a success.

Before hanging up his boots io other things," he said. exchange for less energetic pur-

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suits. Best notched up 115 goals in 290 league FA Cup and European matches.

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#### Prize poet takes the rap

Ted Hughes, Britain's most prestigious poet, could find himself competing against rap artists at next year's poetry "Oscars" following the success of Jamie McKendrick, a rival poet, who won £10,000 for his collection The Marble Fh at last night's Forward poetry awards.

William Sieghart, poetry crusader and founder of the Forward Prize, told The Independent last night: "Rap music is one of the Mr Cataldi said: "George ... most influential forms of the last and was described as a one of the But Best himself is unlikely to "New Generation Poets" in the

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#### UPDATE

#### 'Instant death' warning on solvents

A new, hard-hitting health warning is to be printed on glue and lighter fuel products following new evidence of widespread solvent abuse among teenagers. A report published yesterday claims the problem is being overshadowed by public concern over drug abuse although solvent abuse kills more people than heroin and ecstasy combined. Latest figures show that more than one person a week is killed as a result of solvent abuse.

The research, carried out by the solvent industry, estimates around 25,000 people are abusing solvents every year, but researchers admit that figure is "probably conservative". Manufacturers have responded by announcing the warning to be printed on products - "Solveot abuse can kill instantly".

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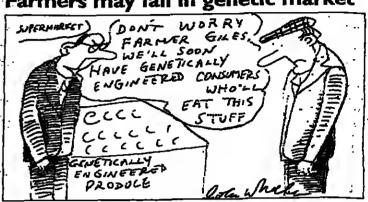
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The labels will be put on items such as aerosols including bairspray, lighter fluid, correction fluid and petrol. Ann Robinson, director general of the British Retail Consortium, said: 'The BRC takes the issue of solvent abuse very seriously."

**FOOD** 

#### Farmers may fail in genetic market



Farmers could find themselves without a market if they start sowing genetically modified crops, campaigners warn today. A report published by Friends of the Earth claims public opposition to genetically engineered food is growing across Europe amid fears over the possible health and environmental consequences of "tampering" with nature.

Campaigners will be lobbying farmers at the National Farmers Union today in a hid to urge them not to rush ahead with the introduction of GM crops. Report author Pete Riley said the issue bad to be debated now, before farmers were given permission to sow GM crops in the UK. "Only one or two things need to go wrong to cause real environmental and health problems. The protest today is part of a fortnight of global action by campaigners. The European Union is considering whether to force food manufacturers to label all products containing GMOs.

**FOOTBALL** 

#### Sorry, ref ... the earth wobbled

England's chances in the crucial World Cup qualifier in Rome could be affected by earth tremors, a seismologist said yesterday.

Two full-scale carthquakes that struck central Italy yesterday were strong chough to be felt more than 60 miles away in Rome where Saturday's match takes place. "If there was a crucial penalty and an earthquake struck the penalty-taker might miss, but it would have to be at that exact second," said Glen Ford, a British Geological Survey seismologist. Mr Ford, who is Scottish, added: "I think if England don't win, they'd probably be scraping the barrel to blame it on an earthquake."-

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of our galaxy, the Milky Way. Astronomers reckon that it is only between one and three million years old, and that question still among the most when it originally formed it may have had a mass up to 200 times greater than our Sun's - before it threw off much of that in a series of violent cruptions.

Those eruptions formed the pink "clouds" which appear to surround the star - a stellar nebula which the HST had to peer through in order to determine the detail of the picture; the Pistol star is not visible to the eye, but lies beyond the constellation Sagittarius, in the dust clouds of the Milky Way. The HST detected it using the in-

The star is so energetic that it gives off as much energy in big - four light-years across that it would nearly span the the "Pistol Star", which lies distance from the Sun to Alpha Ceotauri, the ocarest star to Earth's solar system.

"This star may have been more massive than any other star, and now it is without massive - even at the low end of our estimates," says Don Figer of the University of California at Los Angeles. "Its formation and life stages will provide important tests for new theories about star birth and evolution."

A few million years is a remarkably early age for a star to be so energetic. Its size also indicates that in a few milliuo years it will certainly explode as a supernova, throwing out its contents in a massive explosion.



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# The Queen says the world is changing too fast. But wasn't it ever thus?

Anyone who has had to ask a five-year-old how to program the video, or stared in horror at a computer screen, will empathise. But was the Queen right when she said society was moving too fast for "older people"? Jojo Moyes hears that her grandmother was probably saying the same thing.

The Queen's admission yesterday that eveo she felt bewildered by the rapid rate of -some people see new develtechnological change brought a clamour of agreement from those still stuck oo the hard shoulder of the information

superhighway. In a speech to Pakistan's Parliament, the Queen, 71, said: "I sometimes sense that the world is changing almost too fast for its inhahitants, at least for us

The veteran writer and

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absolutely right. For old dogs from the discovery of deep like us, new tricks are simply unacceptable," he said. "The world is changing so fast we just can't keep pace with it ... I can't progress. Everyone was optieven cope with a word processor, never mind the Internet. Everything is getting more and

more complicated." According to the Age Coo-McLellan, many elderly people felt the same way. "Feeling too old to catch up with the modern world can begin when people are as early as 40 or 50, and it is a feeling which gets worse. as people get older," she said "But there should be a choice opments as a challenge and try

very hard to bridge the age gap According to Dr Jon Turney, lecturer in science communicatioo at University College London, much of the disquiet felt by the elderly today has to do with the biotechnological changes that have sped through since the 1980s. "I suspect the feeling is keener and more affecting now than it has been in the past. If you went back 100

agreed. "What she has said is changing belief systems, fallout time and Darwinian theory. But science and technology were seco as the arbiters of mistic," Dr Turney said.

"Now the changes come so

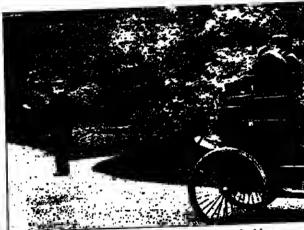
thick and fast that people are as much bewildered as anything. There is a sense that there is cern spokesman Margaret more science, more technology rushing along doing threatening things. Developments in bio-sciences are seeo as as much of a threat as a promise. Traditional categories get brokeo down ... and there is the question of what reproductive technology is doing to the family. People find this very disquieting."

But according to William rock, Professor of the History of Science at Leicester University, one could have heard the same sounds of disquiet 150 years ago - when people adapted to the advent of "high speed" railways, and subsequently electricity, and telephones and their lives changed beyond recogni-

"There were buge changes taking place to people's lives.



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Pace of change: Getting to grips with three-dimensional web pages in 1997 and an 1896 Peugeot, preceded by a Photographs: Paul Robers/NTI and Hulton Deutsch



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had speed for the first time, and people were geoerally frightened of it," Professor Brock said. "Many talked about the new technology with some dis-

But not all older people are pessimistic about their position in the Brave New World. The former TV campaigner Mary Whitehouse, 87, said the elderly should not just give up. "All it takes is a bit of teamwork between the young and the

With railways [in the 1840s] you

#### broadcaster Ludovic Kennedy, 77, was among those who years there was disquiet about While for those who can, it will soon be possible to e-mail your fridge

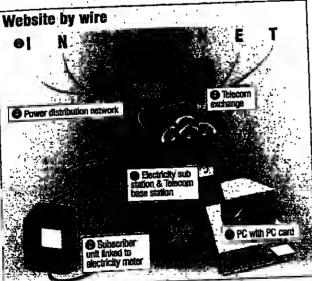
A high-speed, low-cost connection to the Internet via your electricity meter? Charles Arthur, Science Editor, looks at a breakthrough by an electricity generator and a telecommunications company.

The day is fast approaching when you can e-mail your fridge to check what's inside, or log on remotely to your video recorder to ensure it's going to tape your favourite afternooo programme.

The medium that will allow this totally connected world is not futuristic fibre-optic cable; it's the humble three-phase electricity cable. In time, the whole of your home could work like the sophisticated local area networks (LANs) used by larger companies - but linked by its three-pin plugs instead of com-

puter plugs. The first fruits of this revolution appeared yesterday, when the electricity company Norweb and the telecomms company Nortel announced that they have worked out how to send Internet data over the mains power supply into the home at up to I megabit per second - or 20 times faster than the fastest existing telephone

power lines from the local sub-



station, and converts them back at the customer's electricity meter into packets of computer data. All the customer needs is a small box at the meter, and a computer cable and card for

"Tve been in telecomms research and development for 30 years, and this has been a Holy Grail," said Ian Vance, head of R+D for Nortel. "With this, the Net becomes everything that has been promised; you can download video and CDs, play high-

Though the initial use, in tribeartland in the north-west of ternet for Norweh customers England next spring, will simply be to provide a high-speed frequency signals sent over the sent o

"Having an Internet address for every plug in the home would be the Utopia."

That would allow the ultimate connected home, in which you could e-mail fridge@home, and study the picture relayed by the videocamera to see if you nced milk; or turn the lights off and burglar alarm on, all from a remote location, using your own password. First, though, researchers must do more work to see how wiring systems in homes affect data transmis-

Initially the two companies will aim to offer a flat-rate, perals in 2,000 homes in Norweb's manent connection to the Inwho want it. They have tested it and found it does not interfere with any domestic appli-

the death knell for telecomms companies, since everyone who wants to get on the Net will have electricity. But even Norweb disagrees. "I think the demand for the Internet is such that this will find its place alongside other de-livery systems," said Peter Dudley, a vice-president.

People are definitely keen to get onto the global network something which advertisers have been quick to recognise. A survey released yesterday showed that advertisers spent \$214.4 millioo (£134m) for banners" on Internet sites from April to June. The total for the first half of the year was \$344m - a 322 per cent increase from the first half of 1996.

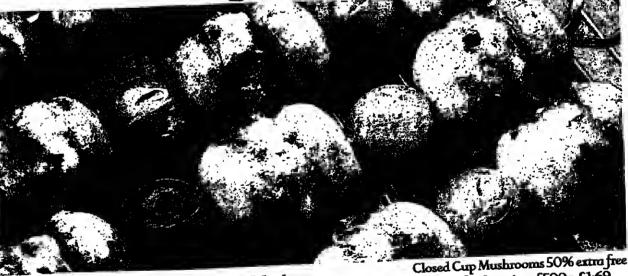
The total figures, collated by Coopers & Lybrand, are modest compared to the billions spent on other forms of adver-

But it's growth that matters. In the second quarter of 1996, advertisers spent just \$52m to buy space on popular sites on the Internet. Such explosive growth could signal a revolution in the way advertisers reach us and, perhaps, the ways we try to avoid them.

Many advertisers still use the "banner" approach, buying space at the top of the most popular Web sites - notably those used to search for material on the Net. The survey found that consumer advertising accounted for 30 per cent of the spend, with financial services taking 22 per ceot, computers 21 per cent, and oew media and telecomms 7 per cent each.

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#### Egon Ronay forces guide publishers to close

The food critic Egon Ronay has Mr Ronay, said: "This is a forced the publishers of his world-famous restaurant guides to close down after a High Court judge was told their methods "stink".

Mr Ronay claimed that Leading Guides International failed to pay promptly the inspectors who tour Britain filing reports for the guides.

He said the company owed him more than £37,000 and almost £200,000 to 20 creditors.

The company had claimed that it was already in voluntary liquidation and would be able to pay off its debts - some of which were owed to the food inspectors - within a year.

But James Munby QC, for

matter which stinks and is a case with a crying need for a compulsory liquidation so that a wholly independent liquidator can investigate matters."

He said "sinister connotations" could be read into the company changing its name after it was served with the first winding-up petition and again after the current one.

Mr Munby called for an inpendent investigation, claiming that the company had been involved in unlawful trading while insolvent, had used its complex group structure to the detriment of creditors, and that the £400,000 offer was put up to avoid independent scrutiny.

Granting a compulsory winding-up order, Mr Justice Rattee said: "The evidence as a whole points to there being very grave suspicions of the propriety of this company." The order was opposed by Richbell, an associated company of Leading Guides, which claimed it was owed £2m.

Mr Ronay founded the guides in 1956 and sold them in 1985 to the Automobile Association, which in turn sold them to Leading Guides, now known as Global Infocom Ltd. Mr Ronay, who was awarded punitive costs, said he would make an announcement today about the future of the books. - Kate Watson-Smyth

Room to grow: One of London Zoo's two giraffe calves with his mother, Dawn, yesterday. A naming competition is being launched Photograph: Nicola Kurtz

#### Heroin gangs blamed for eight murders

At least eight murders in Lon- (NCIS). About 20 criminal 150 criminal gangs that NCIS don during the past three years are believed to be linked to the thriving Turkish-controlled heroin trade, one of the country's most senior police officers

said yesterday. Up to 80 per cent of the heroin entering Britain is controlled by Turkish gangs based in the capital and the Southeast, according to the Nation-

families and gangs are understood to be responsible for controlling the drugs which are being smuggled into the UK in record amounts.

The new director of NCIS, John Abbot, disclosed that his organisation was becoming increasingly concerned about the heroin trade and Turkish organised crime. He also dis-

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targets were not run by traditional gangster families, in the tradition of the Krays. He added that the criminal groupings can range from three to 200

After London, the northwest of England, particularly Merseyside and Manchester. had the highest concentration of organised criminals.

### Diana police search for 112,000 Fiat Unos

Diana, Princess of Wales, are trying to trace 112,000 Fiat Unos - every car of that type ever registered in the greater Paris area.

Investigators believe that a Fiat Uno may unwittingly bave caused the accident on 31 August which killed Diana, her companion Dodi Fayed, and the driver, Henri Paul.

The possibility that a second car was involved has never been completely excluded and is now being taken more and more seriously by the examining judge and detectives leading the inquiry.

Fragments of yellow plastic from the tail light of a Fiat Uno were found near the crash scene, alongside glass from the

Police investigating the death of front headlight of the Mercedes which was carrying Diana's party. In the last few days, a police laboratory has identified a streak of white paint found on the right wing of the Mercedes as possibly coming from a Fiat Uno (although it could also have come from several other

> makes of car). The evidence is sufficiently strong for Judge Hervé Stéphan to order police to locate every Fiat Uno registered in the lle de France in the 11 years in which the car was manufactured, from 1983 to 1994.

Investigators believe that the Mercedes, travelling at up to 100mph to escape pursuing press photographers, may have clipped the slower-moving Fiat just before it entered an under-

pass beneath the Place de L'Alma in central Paris.

This may explain why the Mercedes span out of control and struck a pillar in the central reservation before rebounding against the opposite

The investigators are said to have rejected all possibility that the low-powered Fiat was connected with the press pack or impeded the Mercedes deliberately (as suggested by some of the wilder conspiracy theories still circulating about the accident).

What remains unclear is how the small car - if it existed - avoided the wildly spinning Mercedes and why the driver fled the scene without stopping.

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#### Schoolgirl joins board of Mensa

A 17-year-old schoolgirl has become the youngest Mensa member to be elected to its ruling body.

Hayley Abdullah, an A-level pupil who joined the élite club when she was just 10, was picked for the Mensa board in an election by 2,500 of society's members.

Hayley, from Peterborough,

prisoner

bid to escape.

year, he exploded into a rage shortly after breakfast at Belmarsh Prison, south-east Lon-

don, grabbing two Iraqi

prisoners and his only "friend" before tying them up

and demanding a helicopter and a sub-machine gun.

posed to fly him to Libva.

If his demands were not

met within an hour, he told negotiators: "You will have to

bring in four bodyguards and

four body bags. I have a blade

and will cut them up. None of

us are going to leave, even if

it means me getting one in the

head. I am number one

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hostage-taker."

Jeremy Donne, for the

Cambridgeshire, has applied to Cambridge University to study law and counts learning Chinese among her hobbies.

She said: "I felt that there needed to be more things done for junior members of Mensa, and that I had an ideal opportunity to ensure they were fairly represented.

"f hope for Mensa to grow

bigger and better, and to develop a stronger image with a lot less stereotyping.

Only 2 per cent of applicants satisfy Mensa's requirement of a minimum IQ of 148.

One of Hayley's first duties when the board meets later this month will be to elect a new chairman to replace Sir Clive



#### Longer term for dangerous Britain's most dangerous prisoner - who has bent cell doors with his bare hands had seven years tagged on to his jail sentence yesterday after admitting taking three fellow inmates hostage in a Michael Peterson, who changed his name to Charles Bronson, told prison officers that he had had "a had day" after bundling the captives into his cell and threatening to snap their necks and cut their throats unless he was Bronson, 44, has spent 21 of the past 25 years in solitary confinement because of dangerous behavioural problems. a court at the Old Bailey was On 27 September last

Charles Bronson: Britain's most disruptive prisoner

charges of threatening to kill the hostages, he replied: "Guilty - as guilty as OJ Simpson" and "Guilty - as guilty as Adolf Hitler."

prosecution, said Bronson first said he intended flying to The Iraqi prisoners are ac-Cuba in the helicopter before cused of hijacking a Sudan Airways jet to London last changing his plan and asking to be taken to Heathrow. from where a jet was sup-

Mr Donne said Bronson was considered by the Prison Service to be the most disruptive inmate in the country. He was transferred to Bel-

marsh in 1996 where governors and prison staff put a great deal of effort into his social development. But. he added, Bronson "had a clear problem in getting on with other prisoners. "He is a large, strong man

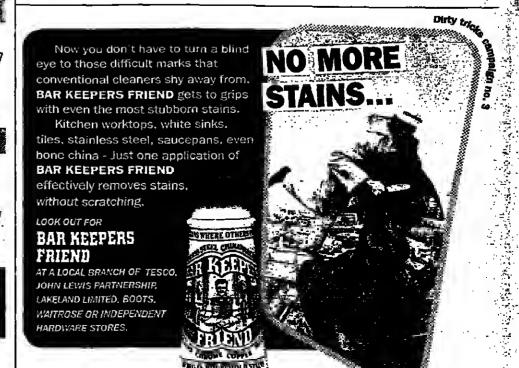
Eventually, he surrenwho keeps himself extremedered without further incily fit and has been known to bend cell doors with his bare Asked how he pleaded to

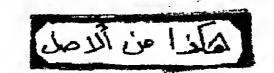
hands," Mr Donne told the

"Because of his strength and unpredictable behaviour and attitude to other prisoners, he has spent 21 of his last 25 years in segregated units effectively in solitary confinement.

Isabella Forshall, for the defence, said Bronson had told her: "It was a bad day. I hope it will never happen again.

She said his management in prison had sometimes been exacerbated by conditions and prolonged isolation which left him phobic with other people. He was so isolated, he once asked for a hlow-up doll - not for sexual reasons, hut for someone to talk to. It was not granted.





There's a Great Deal going on

# El Nino wreaks havoc in the Gardens of Plenty



El Nino, the climatic phenomenon that is changing the weather all over the world, is killing people in Papua New Guinea, Drought has destroyed the crops, and many more deaths may be ahead. Richard Lloyd Parry was the first Western reporter to gain access to this remote, beautiful but

It was the sixth funeral in the village of Sakalem since the drought began, said the clan ) leader, and the biggest of them all - more than 100 people had gathered from all over the district, dressed in cheap colourful clothes and the distinctive knitted hats of the New Guinea Highlands.

The first one to perish bad heen a 15-year-old boy; then there was an old man and an old woman. But the two who died after that were grown men, followed by a haby whose mother couldo't produce enough milk. The most recent victim was Kaup Kauga, a chieftain of the Aika clan and a man popular throughout the district, although he died in much the same way as all of them.

Shortly after the hitter frost, which froze soil already singed from months of drought, Kaup Kauga ate a sweet potato which had been lying in the ground. The tuber was bad; the chief, who was only in his forties, became ill. There was oothiog good to feed him, and he grew worse. By the lime they took

him down to the little clinic in the village of Tambul, he was dying. "His stomach was all shrunk, because he had caten so little," said Nitson Kupe, who works for the Tambui district office. "If they had brought him in earlier, maybe they could have helped him."

They took the chief to the nearest doctor in the town of Mount Hagen, a bone-rattling two-hour journey in a fourwheel drive, through kneedeep streams and along rocky unsealed roads. A week ago he died there, and yesterday they buried him in Sakalem.

There wasn't much visible grief, although there isn't much energy for grief in the Highlands these days. Four more people are dying of food poisoning, according to the new clan chieftain; he was quite confident of more funerals.

Many uf the children were listless; nearly all of them have diarrhoea and recently specks of blood have been appearing in it. At the Tambul clinic, the nurses have treated five or six times as many maloutrition eases than usual, and last month 41 children under five were treated for pneumonia. There has been one death from suspected typhus and most alarming of all, emergency first aid cases are up - people who have stabbed or beateo one an-

other up in fights over food. As many as 600 have died in neighbouring West Papua, part of Indonesia. So far as anyooe knows, nobody in Papua New Gumea itself has literally died of hunger. It is too early to call this a famine, although time weeks will be critical: either may turn it into one. But the sit- merciful weather and effective



Drought: A woman weeping by her dried-up garden in PNG's Highlands, where people's means of survival has been destroyed

uation in Tambul is a reminder that you do not need outright starvation to kill people, that droughts and crop failures have many different ways of stealing lives, and that disasters of this kind rarely happen evenly.

Io many parts of Papua New Guinea, life is continuing almost as normal, despite the hardship caused by the long dry spell. But in Tambul, an area of the Western Highlands with a popolatioo of some 50,000, people are already dying as a result of the food shortages.

No one oo the ground is in any doubt that the next two

relief will bring the situatioo under control; or Tambul faces a disaster in which the individual fate of Chief Kaup will sooo become a distant memory. If the Highlands of Papua

New Guinea are remembered at all by the world at large it is, ironically, as Gardens of Plenty. Of all the world's tribal people, those who live here remained undisturbed by modernity the longest - until 1933, decades after the coastal areas were settled by Dutch, British and eventually German colonists. The tribes who lived here used stone tools, wore ceremonial tattoos and face paiot and fought one another in vi-

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cious feuds which could carry on for generations. They had not discovered glass, or even the wheel. But they had perfected a beautiful form of garden agriculture - mounds of tilled

earth containing beans, sugar

cane, yams and sweet potatoes,

Fleshy produce like tomatoes

carefully drained and fenced off from domesticated hogs. Today these gardens are a waste land, Throughout South and East Asia, as a result of the atmospheric phenomeoon known as El Nino, the usual cycles of heavy tropical rain have beeo delayed. In Tambul, local people say that there has been oo heavy rain since January.

quickly dried up, and cabbages are withered and leathery, leaving only the sweet potatoes.

But a second disaster struck in August - hard frost, which killed even the potato plants. In the last week there have been rain showers, but this has made things worse. The streams are no longer dried out, but the moisture has speeded up the decomposition of the tubers in the earth and stimulated pests

without quenching the soil. "Even if rain fell tomorrow, the situation would still be serious," said Merlly Kuruma, director of the government agricultural ageocy in Tamhul.
"These people need food to eat,

hut they also need thiogs to plant for next year. But here things grow slowly and it will be months before their new crops are ready, so they need to be fed

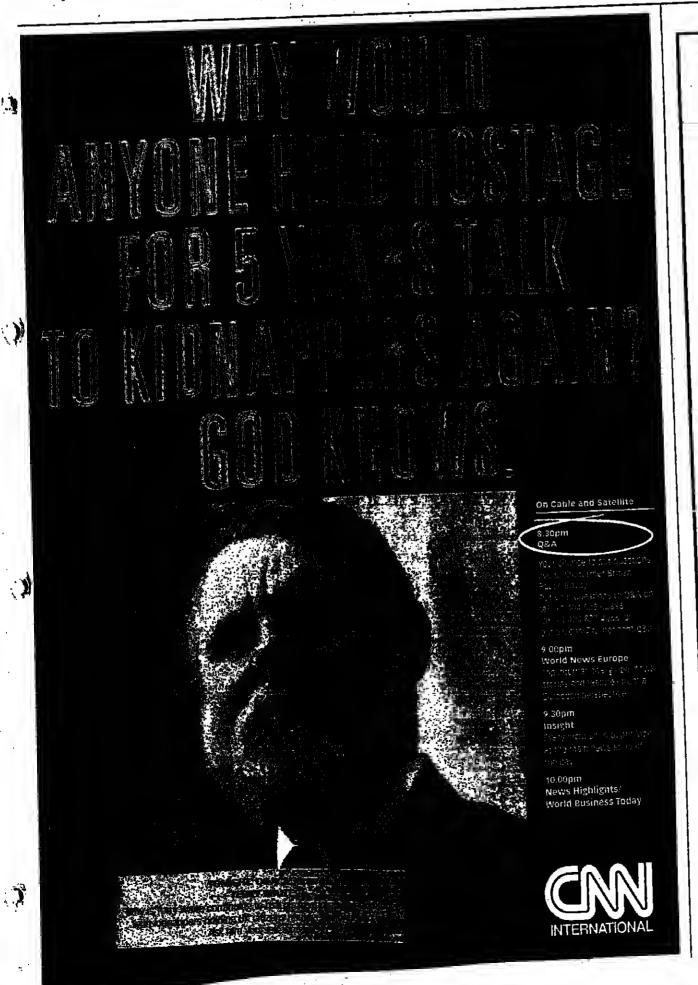
throughout that period as well." People walking home from the funeral said that they have not eaten since Monday. The school is open only in the mornings, and even then fewer than half its pupils are turning up. Childreo can be seeo sitting in the fields hunting for insects to eat, and in other areas, people are eating ferns, as well as possums and rats. It is a sign of how serious things have become that many families have started selling their

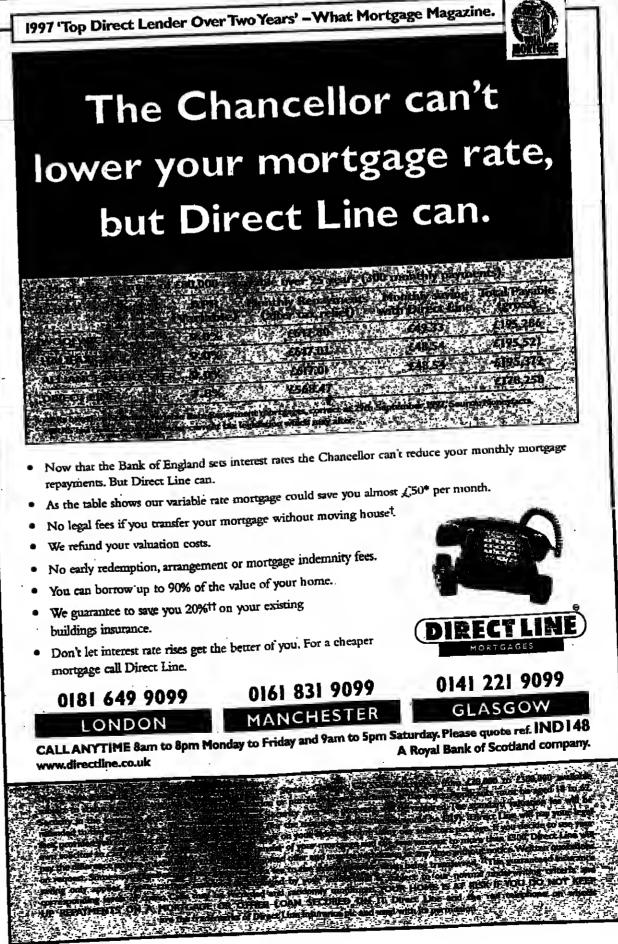
only form of capital - their pigs - to raise cash to go shopping in the inflated markets.

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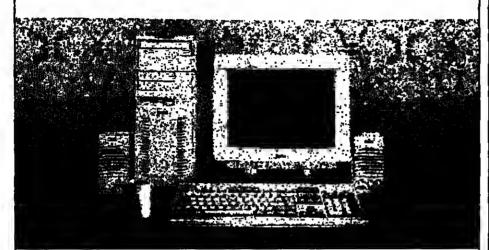
The concept of "living memory" is a limited one in these parts, where few people live past 60. But the only year comparable to this was in 1942, nine years after the Highlands emerged from the Stone Age. That was wheo I was a small boy," said ooe old man yesterday, "and there was a second frost, even worse than the first. It drove all the people out, it was two years before they came hack. We expect that big frost any day, but this time I will not escape. I just want to die and be buried here oo my land."





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# MPs get the blame for May election defeat

The Conservative rank-and-file savaged their MPs yesterday, blaming them for the May defeat. Anthony Bevins, Political Editor, says that the Blackpool debate considerably strengthens the hand of William

A rare revolt in the Tory ranks was led by Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare yesterday something that could protect William Hague from any challenge from the likes of Michael Portillo or Chris Patten.

The former deputy chairman of the party struck a solid chord at the Blackpool conference, with a demand that grassroots members should be given an equal share, with MPs, in hoosing future leaders of the Conservative Party.

That demand, along with persistent and vocal attacks on the parliamentary party for its disunity and disloyalty, formed a keynoto of a three-hour debate on reform of the constitution. But the debate left Mr Hague with a much stronger mandate to lead his party unchallenged.

The final proposals for democratic reform, which are to be put to a special party conference next spring, could now include a new protection for incumbent leaders, guarding them against the kind of coup that brought down Margaret Thatcher in 1990.

At the start of the debate, Sir Archie Hamilton, chairman of the 1922 Committee of Conservative MPs - which, alone, currently elects the leader provoked a cry of protest from the hall when he said that MPs had to retain the lion's share in any vote. "Any new leader needs to command the support of the majority of the parliamentary party," he argued. Under the existing reform

plans, ordinary party members are being offered a "significant" proportion of votes for a new leader, which is put, unofficially, at between 20 per cent to 40 per cent of an electoral college. But Lord Archer upped that to 50 per cent, and one MP, Edward Leigh, and others called on the party to go the whole hog with a full one-member, one-vote system of democracy.

Defending the beleaguered parliamentary party, Sir Archie - one of Baroness Thatcher's parliamentary private secretaries when she was prime minister - argued that it was MPs who had initially elected her in 1975, "If that decision had lain with the Conservative grassroots," he said, "there is no way that Margaret would have won that leadership election."

That argument was promptly repudiated from the conference floor by Peter Golds, a councillor from Brent, north London, who told Sir Archie that Lady Thatcher had been ousted by the votes of just two MPs in 1990.

Tu a roar of applause, he then added: "They were the people that put Margaret thumping speech from Lord

Thatcher out. Not me; not you. This is our party, and I have to say to Sir Archie, 'If we have the right to return a government, we have the right to have a say in who represents us as our leader.' We voted 80 per cent for William, William, we are behind you. We are not going to allow to happen to you what

happened to John Major." That warm-up was then hammered home in a tub-

of our party, the election of our leader, and discussion on future policy should not be left to a handful of MPs who think they have some superior wisdom we've not been afflicted with." He said it was not the party that had lost the last election, but the "circular firing squad" of MPs.

One leadership source told The Independent last night that the trigger mechanism under which incumbent leaders

Archer, who said: "The future of the party can be challenged could be opened up to change in the final proposals for, ฉาเร

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If that happened, it couldprovide a formidable - if not impossible - obstacle tu any further prospect of leadership challenges. That could disappoint those hoping for a return of Mr Patten or Mr Portillo to the Commons and leadership. of the party before the next



#### SEEN & HEARD

"I like Italy. I like France. I like Spain. But they are different they eat horses." Piers Norsworthy, in a debate on foreign affairs, which drew rapturous applause.

"I think she is probably mad to marry me." William Hague

"What is the Conservative Party? This is not the easy question some might think." Michael Trend, deputy party chair-

"He has turned politics into a branch of showbusiness with, it has to be said, some measure of success." Kenneth Clarke

On today's agenda:

 John Maples, health spokesman, and tain Duncan-Smith, social security spokesman, on welfare and the NHS.

 Shadow Chancellor Peter Lilley on the economy. Sir Brian Mawhinney, shadow Home Secretary, on crime.

And on the fringe:

● The ghost of Toryism past: Michael Portillo promises to embody "the spirit of Conservatism's future" at a meeting organised by the Centre for Policy Studies.

● The moderate Tory Reform Group has Stephen Dorrett, shadow education spokesman, as its star dinner guest while the right-wing Conservative Way Forward group has shadow Foreign Secretary Michael Howard.

#### Policy continues to shift over Europe

The Tory leadership yesterday shifted its policy on entry to the single currency. Colin Brown, Chief Political Correspondent, finds William Hague still haunted by the deep divisions in his party on Europe - and Kenneth

William Hague yesterday saw his authority undermined after trying to hold his party together with a compromise policy un Europe to oppose Britain's entry into a European single currency "within the foresecable future".

The Tory leader moved from the formula he used to win the leadership election - ruling

out Britain's entry for 10 years Tories behind a campaign for a ~ which had been used to secure the votes of Euro-sceptics from the Clarke-Redwood ticket.

But the splits in the party over Europe appeared as deep as ever, as Mr Hague declined to spell out on BBC radio preciscly what the term "for the foreseeable future" meant. "I'm not going into by-

putheses about future Parliaments. It means certainly if there was a referendum on the single currency in the next few years, we would be campaigning for a 'no' vote. We think it would he a huge economic and political risk for Ihis country,"

The new formula was agreed by the Shadow Cabinet at a pre-conference meeting last week. Some of the key pro-European members were absent.

The aim was to reunite the

"no" vote it the Government announces it favours entry, and calls a referendum on cotry to the single currency in the first wave in 1999.

But it failed to satisfy the largely Euro-sceptic audience in the conference ball, which cheered speakers' calls for a Tory commitment to say "never" to entry to the single cur-. rency. Some shadow Cahinet Euro-sceptics also overstepped the agreed line.

Kenneth Clarke further undermined Mr Hague's authority by reaffirming that he still had ambitions for the leader's job. In a phrase which will send shivers down Mr Hague's spine, the former Chancellor said in an interview: "I have no intention of standing against the present [leader]. At the present time."

#### BLACKPOOL SKETCH: DAVID AARONOVITCH

#### Violet Voter finds just the job for William

at Dunrulin had been a suecess. The nursing home's elbasked in their unexpected welcome. He had decided, lowing day. So it was with light heart and lighter step that the Outlaws set out for the slightly down-at-heel huilding that housed their appreciative audience.

Joy, however, usually had a way of becoming confined for William. For even as he middle of the street, his faithheels, he suddenly saw Nemesis approaching, in the form of a small girl

of ineffable sweetness, "where are you goin"?" William pushed out his chest and spoke with what he imagined trigued him. to be a manly gruffness: To

The first day of the conference my party conf'rence, that's where. I'm the party leader, acshually." Her reaction was derly inhabitants had liked everything he had hoped for. William, and he in turn had "A confronth!," she exclaimed in girlish excitement, "Oh William, how wonderful! Can therefore, to return the fol- I come?" William, in magnanimous mood, considered. "S'not really a place for young females," he said, "But I s'pose you can come along. You'd better keep jolly quiet, though."

Violet Elizabeth's quietness was not long-lived. "Of courthe, William," she lisped strolled carelessly down the as Dunrulin came into view, "you've gotter modernithe. ful Welsh collie, Jenkins, at his All political partieth gotter modernithe. Or eithe you won't attract young women like me. William was about to "Hello William," said Vio- retort that he didn't particulet Elizabeth Voter, in a voice larly want young women like Violet Elizabeth, but there was something about this new, long word that rather in-

"All right," he said sternly.



"If you're so clever, how do I

monerdise?" "Well, firtht, you've gotter lithen, William. We want to be lithened to."

"I am listenin'," said William, indignantly, "What do you think I'm doin' if I'm not listenin'? You're talkin' an' I'm not sayin' anythin', so wot could I be doin' but listenin'?

What else do I have to do?" "You've gotter have a Conthuliative Doc'ment. And you've gotter have one member, one vote for thingth. And pothitive ditherimination to get more girlth. I'll write the Doc'ment," she volunteered sweetly. "I've got a penthit." Reluctantly William as-

sented, wondering where this monerdisation would lead But by now he was entering the ball, where the

denizens of the bath-chairs and the owners of the ear-trumpets were still in place, awaiting their beloved midget enter-Arthritic applause greeted his appearance, and he bowed

solemnly to his party. Meanwhile a smiling Violet Elizaboth moved among them. distributing hand-written copies of her doc'ment, reading it out loud for those with failing cycsight.

But as she did so an enor-

niacat laughter. "Crumbs!" ejaculated William. "What." was that?"

"It's only poor Mr Tebbit;" a kindly, wrinkled lady in the front row reassured him, "he doesn't get out much these days. He's harmless really: Anyway, if you think he's scary, just wait until our old matron arrives. She's sentword, she'll he hore any

Just then the door flew open, bringing with it a gust of cold air, presaging the simultaneous arrival of autumn and something much, much chillicr. Jenkins fled, taking refuge under a table. Alone, William turned to face a woman with slaring eyes and a powerfulhairstyle.

"So you're William," she said ominously. "Play your cards right me bucko, and we'll get on famously. Play them wrong, and I'll scream mous kerfuffle erupted near and I'll scream until you're by, followed by a shrick of ma- sick. I can, you know."

# Essex man is new darling of the right

A rising star of the buoyant Tory right has emerged in Blackpool. Fron Abrams meets lain Duncan-Smith, the latest standard-bearer of the Euro-sceptic tendency.

Introducing the Conservatives' new social security spokesman at a fringe meeting yesterday, the Buckingham MP John Bercow was fulsome in his praise. "For those of you who don't know Iain Duncan-Smith,

you soon will do," he said. "He is the sea-green incorruptible of the Conservative Party."

Asked yesterday whether he saw himself as a natural leader of the right, Mr Duncan-Smith replied: "I don't particularly believe in right and left. I think this is a battle of ideas."

He is certainly proud of his status as successor to Norman Tebbit's Chingford seat. Speaking alongside Lord Tubbit on Tuesday, he told his audience: "Here you have the maker and the man on the same platform."

However, he added later: "I will never be Norman. Norman is inimicable." He refused tu



ments on race, while maintaining that as a member of the shadow cabinet he supported William Hague's dismissive line

on the subject. Elected in 1992, the former Scots Guards captain has risen

quickly to prominence. Colleagues admire his ability to master a brief and his uncompromising attitude. He was one of 26 Conservative MPs who voted against the Government over the Maastricht Treaty. Dapper but prematurely

els," according to one com-Mr Duncan-Smith may be loyal to his leader now, but he

wears a piastripe well but the

only thing about him much

softer than Norman are his vow-

did take an opportunity this week to take a swipe at John Major, Praising Hague's promise tu uppose a single currency if a referendum were called, he added; "Imagine! A Conservative leader saying. 'We have made a decision!

Eurosceptic colleagues clearly feel that Mr Duncan-Smith is one to watch. He has heen among a number uf rightwingers who have made their presence very firmly felt during the week at Blackpool.

There may have been polite

Richard Clapson

Finance Director,

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Duncan-Smith: 'I don't believe in left or right. This is a battle of ideas' Photograph: Tom Pilston

applause for both William Hague and John Major in the Winter Gardens, but out on the fringe the story was different.

While no one in the Tory Party would admit to being pleased by the disastrous result it suffered oo May 1 this year, the tone in some quarters has been less than repentant. The party's Euro-sceptic wing have been out in force at the conference, reinforcing what they clearly see as a chance to grab the baton of power.

If Mr Duncan-Smith should see himself as a possible successor to Mr Hague, he will probably not be the only one. A hig turnout is expected tonight for a fringe meeting to be addressed by Michael Portillo. Its title is intriguing, if ironic: "The ghost of Toryism past. The spirit of Conservatism fu-

#### VIEW FROM THE FLOOR

#### How to bring back the disenfranchised

Yesterday's headlines filled astating defeat on 1 May. me, and many others here. with a feeling of disbelief. Lord Tebbit simply illustrated how out of touch he was when he voiced the outdated and marginal view that the multicultural society could

Surely he must realise what an important role the ethnic communities play in our party, and how central they will be to the task of rebuilding it. We need to reach out to people from all hackgrounds and all cultures to make them feel an important part of our future, rather than allowing them to feel alicoated through attacks

like this. The reality is that we live in a multicultural society. and as a future government we have to rise to the challeoges it presents. Young like myself have growo up in a country which embraces many cultures. We do oot have the same fears, and we see today's society as one which presents more opportunities than the mythical era which Norman Teb-

bit seems to hark back to. It was dinosaurs like him who contributed to our dev-

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They gave the impression that we were a marginalised party, lacking compassion and only concerned with our own self-interest.

We have to hring back the people who left us at the electioo because they felt disenfranchised. They felt that we had lost touch with the oeeds and concerns of normal people in this country.

If we want to win in five years' time we have to embrace the mainstream agenda rather than the unrepresentative views of someone stuck in a bygone era. William Hague's angry reaction to Lord Tebbit's remarks shows he has recognised the need to recapture the centre ground and to appeal to the maximum own-

ber of people. It is time now for people on the right-wing margins of the party to listen to their leader's message and realise that he is showing them the only way to win and the only way to survive.

John Major said on 2 May that when the curtain falls, it is time to get off the stage. Norman, are yon listening? — Gavin Williamson

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#### Kohl backs Eurofighter

Chancellor Helmut Kohl's government yesterday gave the green light for Germany to buy the controversial Eurofighter combat jet and said it was confident parliament would back its decision.

Volker Ruehe, the defence minister, said after a cabinet meeting that ministers had approved his plan to buy 180 Eurofighters at a total cost of 23 billion marks (£8.5bn).

Britain, which partners Germany in the project with Italy and Spain, said it was delighted by the decision. The lower house must still vote to approve the purchase in November.

Mr Ruehe said the project was vital for Germany's defence and offered the best in price and capability. "No other aircraft offers better value for money. The only planes that are cheaper are inferior," he said.

# French unions disrupt trains

The Socialist-led French government yesterday faced its first real challenge by the unions since its election four months ago. Rail services throughout France, and metro services in Paris, were seriously disrupted by railway unions demanding shorter hours, higher pay and the creation of new jobs.

Strikes reduced main-line trains by half and Metro trains on some lines to one in three. The action was intended to hring pressure on a conference of the government, unions and employers, starting tomorrow, which will discuss ways of reducing unemployment, currently 12.5 per cent.

The conference will focus especially on the vague campaign promise of the Prime Minister, Lionel Jospin, to create new jobs by reducing statutory working hours from 39 to 35, with no loss of pay. Since his election in June, Mr Jospin has been trying to shake off the promise, but it remains a hitterly divisive issue within his government, and between French unions and employers.

Yesterday's strikes, supported by the four main rail unions, sought the 35-hour week (already the norm for railway drivers), an increase in pay and the creation of tens of thousands of new railway jobs.



Long wait: Travellers at Gare du Nord in Paris as strikes hit rall services

The CGT Communist-led union is also seeking retirement for railwaymen at 55.

The transport minister, Jean-Claude Gayssot, himself a Communist and former railwayman, has announced the creation of 1,000 temporary rail jobs for young people. Despite evidence of huge overmanning, especially in the mainline French railways (the SNCF), the unions say the recruits should be only the beginning and should be permanent.

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Mr Gayssot invited all the rail unions and em-

ployers to a conference on working hours on 20 October. He risked the wrath of travellers by refusing to condemn yesterday's action. "You can't ask a Communist minister to say he is against a strike." he joked. "Nor that he wanted one, obviously."

Behind the union militancy lies the threat of cuts in rail subsidies, especially to the SNCF, first discussed by the former centre-right government, but not yet rejected formally by the Jospin administration.

— John Lichfield

# Voter apathy makes Serbian presidential poll invalid

Election results from the presidential elections in Serbia on Sunday confirmed yesterday that Vojislav Seselj, a far-right nationalist, came out ahead of his pro-government opponent, Zoran Lilic. But the fat lady has not yet sung. A combination of apathy and resentment of the two candidates meant fewer than 50 per cent voted. The election is invalid, and the presidential elections will have to be held again from scratch – possibly with different candidates.

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All the margins were narrow.

Mr Seselj gained 49.1 per cent of the vote, just ahead of Mr Lilic's 47.9 per cent. The turnout was 48.97 per cent, just short of the crucial halfway mark.

The future looks messy and confused. Zoran Djindjic, a democratic opposition leader who boycotted the parliamentary elections and the first round of the presidential elections, has hinted that he might throw his hat back into the ring when the presidential elections are repeated. But Mr Djindjic,

the first non-socialist mayor of Belgrade since 1945, is now at war with one of his former allies, Vuk Draskovic.

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Mr Draskovic last week engineered Mr Djindjic's removal as the first non-socialist mayor of Belgrade since the Second World War. Mr Djindjic claimed this week that now is the time for the democratic opposition to consolidate and organise. He claimed: "Our offensive will follow."

In neighbouring Montenegro, early results had suggested that the reformist prime
minister Milo Djukanovic
would defeat his opponent;
who is supported by the Yugoslav president and mastermanipulator, Slobodan Milosevic. But final results showed
that Mr Djukanovic came second, by a tiny margin, Neither
candidate gained 50 per cent of
the vote, so that Montenegro,
too, will need a run-off elections
between the two front-runners
in 10 days' time.

- Steve Crawshaw

#### Bosnian Croats deny murders

Nine Bosnian Croats and their former leader pleaded innocent to UN charges that they terrorised and murdered Muslims in a vicious campaign of ethnic cleansing.

Dario Kordic, the most senior suspect in custody at the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal, looked relaxed and confident as he entered "not guilty" pleas to

13 separate crimes against bumanity and war crimes

Each charge carries a maximum life sentence.

Troops under Kordic's control are blamed for a spree of killing and destruction in the central Bosnian Lasva Valley in 1992 and 1993 aimed at purging the area of Muslims.

# War crimes trial told of fears for Papon's life



An artist's impression of Papon in court yesterday

Defence lawyers claimed yesterday that Maurice Papon, the 87-year-old former Vichy official accused of "crimes against humanity", during the Second World War might die during his trial unless he was released

from jail.

The first day of the trial in Bordeaux, which is expected to last over two months, was dominated by argument over whether Mr Papon should go to a prison cell between bearings, as French law demands. The trial was adjourned until today to allow doctors to examine the former Paris police chief and budget minister.

Mr Papon's chief lawyer, Jean-Marc Varaut, warned that he and Mr Papon's family would "take all appropriate action" if the accused was ordered to stay in jail and died during the trial.

Mr Papon is accused of complicity in crimes against humanity for his role in the arrest and deportation of 1,558 Jewish men, women and children from the Bordeaux area in 1942-44. His lawyers say his role was minor and that he helped Jews to escape, where he could; The prosecution, which has: assembled 50,000 documents, including arrest and transport warrants bearing Mr Papon's signature, says he pursued Jews, not from anti-Semitism, hut to prove his "competence and efficiency" as an administrator.

— john Lichfield

#### Scotland bids for EU action

Donald Dewar, Secretary of State for Scotland, last night promised to fight for the country to get its "share of the action" during next year's British presidency of the European Union.

Welcoming a government announcement that Edinburgh will host a meeting of EU foreign ministers during the United Kingdom's six months in the chair, Mr Dewar said be hoped other political gatherings among dozens being staged in Britain would take place in Scotland.

On a two-day visit to Brussels, Mr Dewar opened a new Brussels office which will lobby the European Commission

and European Parliament on behalf of the Highlands and Islands. But he emphasised that even after devolution, Britain's voice in the EU would remain that of the central government: "The British effort is a team effort and we in Scotland are part of that team. The United Kingdom is a partnership and Scotland will remain very much part of that partnership."

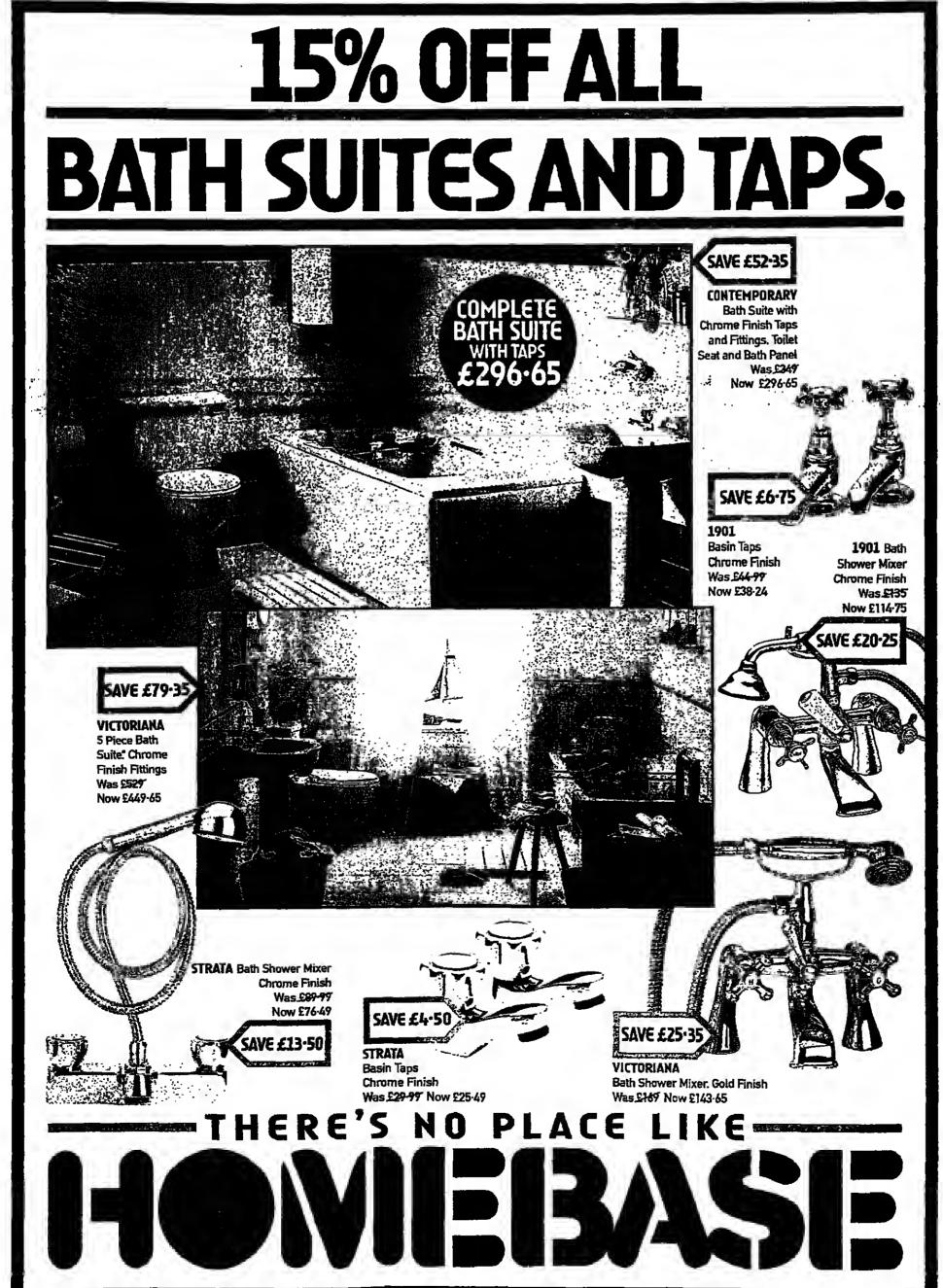
Scottish Office ministers would be fielded at EU meetings of particular interest as they were now, he said. "Where there is a strong Scottish interest, Scottish ministers are involved in the relevant meetings."

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# Earth has lost two-thirds of its forests

Despite a quarter-century of intensive campaigning, the world's forests are shrinking more quickly than ever. Nicholas Schoon, Environment Correspondent, looks at the latest attempt to sum up the destruction.

Nearly two-thirds of the earth's original forest cover which existed before civilisation took off has now disappeared, the World Wide Fuod for Nature (WWF)

said yesterday. Despite Earth Summits, television documentaries and all the public awareness of deforestation, the rates at which woodlaods are being logged nut, burnt and turned into farmland or scrub has risen in the 1990s.

If current trends continue, then within a decade there will be virtually no natural forests left io several countries scattered around the globe. WWF gave Pakistan, Haiti, Madagascar and the Phillipines as examples.

Francis Sullivan, the world-wide conservatinn body's chief forest campaigner, said that would be true of the entire planet half-way through the next century unless there was a turnaround. "In one generation we are facing the almost complete loss of natural forest."

WWF has jnined with the respected. Cambridge-based World Conservation Monitoring Centre in drawing up maps nf each continent showing their original forest cover and what is left now. They admit it is impossible to be completely accurate wheo the rate of forest loss is acceleratiog and many poor countries keep poor records.

But their overall conclusioo is that 81 million square kilometres existed 8,000 years ago, at the end of the last Ice Age, covering just over 60 per cent of the earth's land surface if ice-covered Greenland and Antarctica are excluded. Today that has falleo to just over 30 million square kilometres.

While attention has focused on the forest fires in South-east Asia in the past few weeks, the head of WWF's Brazil-

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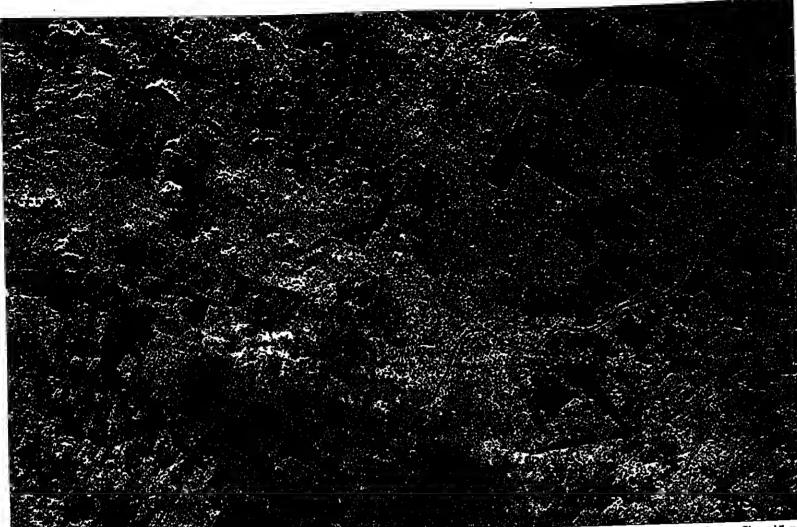
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A coloured radar satellite image of rainforest. Pink is forest; areas cleared for agriculture are blue and green

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ian organisation told a London press conference that the burning of forests, brush and pasture in the Amazon this year was worse than ever. The burning season lasts from July through to No-

Several airports in the region had been closed. A huge pall of smoke has been hanging over Manaus, a city in the heart of the jungle with more than a million people, and there had been an upsurge in respiratory illnesses, said Garo Batmanian. There had been a 25 per cent

increase in the numbers of fires recorded by satellite.

The latest government estimate for deforestation in the Brazilian Amazoo was 15,000 square kilometres a year, an area nearly as large as Wales - but that dates back tn 1994. The Brazilian environment agency has suffered financial and technical problems in trying to record the destruction from space, with three recent changes in satellites and incomplete coverage.

problem. The forests are disappearing to provide pasture, plantatinns and cropland - although sometimes the cleared land is only be used for a few years before its fertility collapses and scrub invades. This is what happened in Britain, which was mostly covered in forest, over the past 4,000 years.

Apart from wiping out literally mil-lions of plant and animal species, the forest loss is altering local climates, hastening water run off and eveo dam- get Indonesia, Russia, the US and Brazil Logging for timber is only part of the aging sea fisheries and reefs as silt is to agree.

washed rapidly off the land. Fnrest burning also produces much of the extra carbon dioxide humanity is pouring into the atmosphere, threatening glob-

al warming. The WWF wants ten per cent of each different type of forest, in each country, around the globe to be given permanent protection. Several countries, but oot as yet Britain, have pledged to do this. Mr Sullivan said WWF's top priority was to

### Conflicting needs that stifle growth

Forests are still neglected in wealthy, industrialised oations as well as developing countries, according to the Worldwide Fund for Nature. And it picked out as an example yesterday the Glenfeshie estate, at the southern end of Scotland's Cairngorm mountains.

Glenfeshie - a 170 sq km sporting estate - contains a remnant of the great Caledonian pine forest that once covered much of Scotland. But no young trees have been able to grow up for many decades because the big red deer populaonn, kept high for the sake of stalking by wealthy human hunters, eat the seedlings and saplings. The woods that remain are full of elderly trees.

Glenfeshie was designated as a National Nature Reserve more than 30 years ago. But that has not stopped its wildlife value gradually declining because of what cooservationists see as mismanagement under a series of private owners.

Three years ago a mysterious charitable trust, Will Woodlands, bought the estate off a Midlands furniture manufacturer for about £5m with the stated aim nf improving nature conservatioo.

The trust, set up by a now deceased widow in memnry of her wealthy husband, planned to keep the deer out of the remaining woods using large fences, and continue to maintain high numbers for stalking. But deer fences are a known killer of the rare capercaillie and black grouse, birds which fly into them. And, outside the fences, the woods would still have been unable to spread and regenerate.

The trust applied for tree regeneration grants from the Government's Forestry Authority but was turned down. Conservation groups like WWF believe they played a major part in persuading the Forestry Authority to refuse these grants on the grounds that Will Woodlands' plans did not give enough weight to regenerating forests and conserving natural species.

Now the trust has put Glenfeshie back oo the market at £5 to £6m. It may yet eod up in the hands of owners mainly interest in running it as a sporting estate — in which case the forest and wildlife would be at risk of further decline.

Nicholas Schoon



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#### Anger over plan to close four community hospitals

 $\mathbb{A}$  plan to close four hospitals in Cornwall has provoked fierce local opposition. But it may be necessary to achieve the goal of a modern health service, writes Jeremy Lourance, Health Editor

More than 100 beds and up to 300 jobs could go under plans drawn up by Cornwall and Isles of Scilly health authority to shut four community hospitals.

The proposal, which has the backing of local NHS trusts, is intended to provide more care outside hospital close to people's homes. But it is driven by the authority's need to save £5m to meet its current deficit.

Dr Stan Dennison, chairman of the authority, said the cuts resulted from the discrimination Coruwall suffered under the standard funding formula. Scotland and Wales, with similar problems of scattered population and long journeys to specialist centres.

received 20 per cent more in health funding per person, he said. Matthew Taylor, Liberal Democrat MP for Truro, blamed the move on the underfunding of the NHS. He said: "I guarantee if these cuts go ahead we will exercise our right to force the matter on in the desk of the Secretary of State for a final decision."

The hospital closures, and reductions in maternity and in-patient beds in the county, would reduce the number of community hospital heds from 453 to 324, said the authority, but the number of community nurses, providing care in people's homes, had been increased.

Frank Dobson, Secretary of State for Health, said that if there were objections from local community health councils during the three-month consultation process be would take the final decision. It does not necessarily follow that those hospitals will close just because it has been proposed," he told BBC Radin 5 Live.

Jean Trainor, acting chief executive of the NHS Confederation, said: "Much of what Cornwall proposes follows action elsewhere to provide more appropriate care by closing down ineffective and costly hospitals, and providing more care closer to people's homes. But it is almost impossible to take these sensible measures against a hackdrop of financial problems."

#### Ostrich, kangaroo and other exotic meats off the menu

The supermarket chain Somerfield yesterday said it had abandoned its plans to sell ostrich, kangaroo and crocodile meat. Amanda Kelly explains how companies are responding to customer concern over the farming of exotic meats.

The Somerfield chain, which includes Gateway, Solo and Food Giant stores, was due to sell ostrich, kangaroo and crocodile meat next week as part of a new cooked-to-order meat range. But yesterday the company announced that they had been taken off the menu.

Ostrich meat first appeared in British shops in 1990. It was hoped that the low-fat meat would prove popular with s health-conscious nation. But, even with the red meat scare over bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), the idea has never really taken off.

A Somerfield spokesman said yesterday: "We always lest customer reaction before we introduce new products and our research showed that there was some concern about the way the meat is produced."

The move comes less than two weeks after Britain's largest supermarket chain,



Tesco, announced that it would no longer be selling kangaroo steaks or nther exotic meats because of a lack of demand. Concern over animal welfare is said to be partly behind the decision by Safeway, Marks and Spencer and the Coop not to stock the exotic lines. Sainsbury said it would continue selling them in "a small number of stores", while Waitrose said it would continue selling them until customer demand told them otherwise.

The main method of slaughter on the 400 ostrich farms in Britain is electric stunning, although in some cases a bolt pistol is used to knock the animal out

before it is killed. Philip Lymbery, Campaigns Director or Compassion World Farming, believes that hoth these methods are cruel. He added: "We believe that ostriches are fundamentally unsuited to farming. They are essentially wild animals, easily frightened, difficult to handle and difficult to rear."

Craig Culley, secretary of the British Domesticated Ostrich Association, said: "All farms are monitored by the local authority and are checked regularly by vets ... Our policy is to do everything the clean way as people demand and the animals do not suffer."

#### lrish defence minister replaces Burke at talks

Dublin's defence minister, David Andrews, was last night installed as the new Irish foreign minister and co-sponsor of the Northeru Ireland peace talks. Mr Andrews, 62, regarded as a "safe pair" of hands" returns to a post he previously held in 1992 when he helped formulate the formula for Northern Ireland diplomacy. He replaces Ray Burke who was forced to step down after admitting accepting £30,000 from a developer seeking planning permissions. Mr Burke, a former chairman of Dublin County Council; could not to explain why the payment was made.

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Following Mr Burke's departure from both the cabinet and the Dail, Opposition leaders are targeting the Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern. The Democratic Left leader. Proinssias de Rossa, said yesterday that Mr Ahern's conspicuous failure to tackle the longsimmering Burke payment row highlighted his "indecisiveness and ineptitude". A controversial passports-for-investment scheme under which Irish citizenship was provided for wealthy foreigners in return for investment in Irish firms is to be dropped. Breaches of procedures under the scheme by Mr Burke while justice minister helped to accelerate his resignation on Tuesday. Mr Ahern faces a battle to win the two Dail seats left vacant by Mr Burke's exit and the death of the Labour chairman Jim Kemmy. - Alan Murdoch, Dublin

#### Jail deaths raise concern

The Prison Omhudsman, Sir Peter Woodhead, yesterday highlighted a gap in his powers which prevents him from investigating the most serious of Prison Service responsibilities - the avoidance of suicides or other unnatural deaths. After discussions with Inquest, the group that investigates deaths in custody, Sir Peter is to raise the issue at a meeting next week with the Home Office minister Joyce Quin. His current powers limit him to investigating complaints from prisoners - once a prisoner is dead he cannot look at the case and cannot take complaints from the inmate's family. Sir Peter said: "I have got considerable concerns. about what goes on and about the frustrations of families. There are internal prison investigations but these are never disclosed."

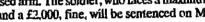
Sir Peter said he felt the Prison Service generally did everything possible to safeguard prisoners, often those with mental health problems, who were at high risk of attempting suicide. But families faced the frustration of never finding out what had happened. Inquests were geared to establishing the medical reason for death, he said, adding: "It is possible that I am well-place to conduct independent investigations," Deborah Coles, co-director of Inquest, said: "There should be no more serious issue for the Prison Service than the unnatural death of someone while - Patricia Wynn Davies . . in their care."

#### Soldier admits attack

A drunken British soldier lashed out at a holidaymaker because the man made an insulting remark about his manhood as he was relieving himself under a tree outside a disco at a Cypriot holiday resort, a court on the island was told yesterday. The claim was made by Tassos Katsikides, the lawyer representing

Roger Bell, 26, from Liverpool, who is serving with the King's Rifles, pleaded guilty to assaulting Barry Ford and his girlfriend, Clare Harbour, outside a disco at Ayia Napa on 2 August, Mr Ford, 23, from London, suffered a broken hand and needed 22 stitches in his face, and Ms Harbour, 22, was left nursing a badly bruised arm. The soldier, who faces a maximum three-year jail term and a £2,000, fine, will be sentenced on Monday.

DAILY POEM



#### 'They flee from me that

#### sometime did me seek'

by Sir Thomas Wyatt

They flee from me that sometime did me seek With naked foot stalking in my chamber have seen them gentle tame and meek That now are wild and do not remember That sometime they put themselves in danger To take bread at my hand; and now they range Busily seeking with a continual change.

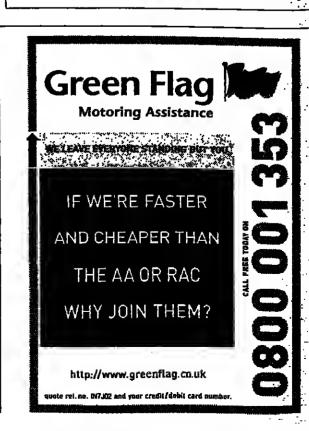
Thanked be fortune, it hath been otherwise Twenty times better; but once in special, In thin array after a pleasant guise, When her loose gown from her shoulders did fall, And she me caught in her arms long and small; Therewithal sweetly did me kiss, And softly said, dear heart, how like you this?

It was no dream: I lay broad waking. But all is turned through my gentleness Into a strange fashion of forsaking, And I have leave to go of her goodness, And she also to use new-faugledness. But since that I so kindly am served. I would fain know what she hath deserved.

This poem completes our choices from The Nation's Favourite Love Poems (edited by Daisy Goodwin; BBC Books, £4.99). The results of the BBC poll to find Britain's best-loved romantic verse will be announced tonight at 10.30pm on BBC 1.

Sir Thomas Wyatt (1503-42) was imprisoned several times by Henry VIII, once for a suspected affair with Anne Boleyn.





# British Muslims horrified by Tebbit's dark vision

While Lord Tebbit decried multiculturalism at a fringe meeting in Blackpool, the Queen, on a state visit to Pakistan, praised the contribution made to this country by migrants. Kim Sengupto listened to anger and unease among Britain's Muslim community.

Norman Tebbit has of course raised the question of race, religion and loyalty before. But to some British Muslims his latest incursioo was more inceodiary thao Enoch Powell's notorious "rivers of blood" speech.

For them Lord Tebbit has attempted to tear away the coosensus that binds Britain's multiracial society. He has offered instead a dark visioo of a future of division, strife and ethnic cleansing. Within hours of a 15-year-old Asian boy addressing the Conservative conference in Blackpool, the former party chairman was saying "multiculturalism is a divisive force". He added that it could lead to a situation when "this kingdom will become like

n de Style  $\Delta t^{-1} \approx 2 \pi^{-1}$  comed the transformation of the country into a multicultural society. She said in a speech at Islamabad: "A distinctive new identity - that of British Muslim - has emerged. I find that healthy and welcome ... The Pakistani community has been a driving force. Their contribution to all walks of life has won great respect."

Among many Muslims the reaction to Lord Tebbit's speech was one of anger. The writer and broadcaster Yasmin Alibhai-Brown said: "What Tebbit did was disgraceful. It was worse than the rivers of blood speech. He quite deliberatchy meotioned Yugoslavia knowing that people here had seen the horrors that took place on their television screens so recently. He is basically talking about civil war, because he implies the people in Yugoslavia could not live alongside a Muslim population. By his words he is creating an atmosphere of intolerance". Ms Alibhai-Brown is preparing a report for the Institute of Public Policy Research on influence of politicians on public percentions about race. Her findings are expected to be passed

oo to the Home Office. Dr Ghayasuddin Siddiqui, the leader of Britain's Muslim

parliament, also deplored Lord Tehhit's speech and in particular what he called the "demonising" of Muslims, He said:

course, absolutely right, immigrants have contributed a huge One only has to go to the aramount to this country ... There eas where the immigrants have are around 40 seats in Parliasettled to see the life and the ment which could be decided by energy there. The Queen is, of

a 20-year-old studeot, the appeal of the Tories for ethnic minorities is "immaterial". She said: "They must be bloody stupid to want to join a clapped out

Racial harmony: A group of young people enjoying a drink and a chat in a London coffee bar Photograph: Andrew Buurman

London, said: "I have felt the

Conservatives are the natural

party for business ... so I

thought of joining. Now I don't

know ... He appears to be say-

ing Muslims must give up their

culture. This will alienate a lot

of blacks and Asians from the

But for Meena Chaudhury,

#### old party anyway. Let's face it, the ethnic minority vote, many ty, but is now having doubts afof them Muslims. Why should what we have is a bitter old man ter hearing Lord Tebbit's views. speaking at a fringe thing of a these people vote Conservative The 47-year-old businessman after this kind of a speech?" party that does oot matter." from Walthamstow, north-east Selim Nasrudin Ali was

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#### Tory peer fails the cricket test

Lord Tebbit, the troublesome work hard and save hard and leader by refusing to tone down hoist by his own cricket test yes-

Respooding to repeated claims by the former party chairman that multiculturalism was divisive, William Hague deployed his own version of Tebbit's test, under fully integrated only if they cheered for England.

"Norman has always had his . own cricket tests of various sent a message of support to kinds. I have my own cricket this year's gay pride march, he test if you don't want to be part said. "If I had been leader of the of the team then get off the Conservative Party I would not that in mind at future conferences," he said.

Mr Hague said he believed the comments made by Lord Tebbit would be interpreted by many people as racist, and as

such they should be avoided. "I want the Conservative Party to stand for people who

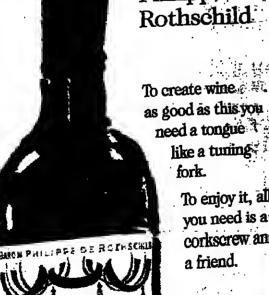
Tory peer who upset his party are self-reliant and want to be independent. Tory values and his views on race relations, was also members come from every part of society," he said in a radio interview.

Lord Tebbit left his party's Blackpool conference yesterday after making a speech in which he said that different cultures could not exist comfortably within one society. But before which people were judged to be he did so he underlined his remarks and added a strice swipe at his party leader.

Mr Happe should not he at to bear have done so, because I think it is not particularly compatible with our family values."

He denied that he was opposed to the ootion of cultural change and iotegratioo, adding: "What I am saying is that we must see if we can find a way in which Muslims can be truly British." - Fran Abrams

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# Immunity promised to witnesses over Lawrence killing

A long-awaited public inquiry into the race killing of black student Stephen Lawrence held its first sitting yesterday. Jason Bennetto, Crime Correspondent, was there to hear the terms of reference.

Evidence given at the public inquiry into the killing of Stephen Lawrence, 18, in 1993, including any testimonies by a criminal prosecution, the mquiry chairman announced vesterday.

Sir William Macpherson of Cluy, who is heading the inquiry, disclosed at the preliminary hearing in Woolwich, south-east London, yesterday that as with other similar public investigations on evidence, either written or spoken, can be used against the witness in any criminal proceedings. In some extreme cases witnesses may also be allowed to remain anonymous. The inquiry has been given powers to summon any person or obtain any documents. Refusal to appeal before the inquiry could lead to

stress that this inquiry does not involve litigation or claims made between parties. Nor will the inquiry be a trial or retrial of any person or persons."

He added that the inquiry would be "inquisitorial" and involve some hrief cross-examinations. An advertising campaign asking for witnesses to give evidence will be launched io the oext few weeks. The offer of immunity for statements provided during the hearing and anonymity for some witnesses is aimed at enhis killers, cannot be used in couraging more people to come forward in help break the apparent "wall of silence" surrounding the case.

The inquiry, which was adjourned until next February so that police reports and further evidence can be collated, was ordered by Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, to examine the circumstances surrounding the killing and to consider what lessons can be learned for future investigations and prosecutions of racially motivated

As with previous public inquiries, the evidence provided by witnesses cannot be used to hring criminal charges against them unless they are found to

Sir William said: "I should immunity has been authorised by the Attorney-General. However, information or a confession obtained outside the hearing could be used in a

There is almost no chance now of a successful conviction against the five white youths who stahbed Stephen, 18, to death at a hus stop in Eltham, south-east London, in 1993, according to Chris Boothman. head of law at the Commission Racial Equality.

An unsuccessful private prosecution was brought against five white youths by the Lawrence family. The youths were hranded "murderers" by national oewspapers after they refused to give evideoce at an inquest which found that Stephen had been unlawfully killed during an unprovoked racist attack.

Mr Boothman, at the hearing yesterday, said: "Realistically no one is going to be prosecuted for this crime and that's not much of an issue now there's been the failed prosecutions. We should be looking to make sure that this does oot happen to any other families."

Also speaking at the hearing. Stephen's father, Neville Lawrence, said: "I'm pleased have lied. The decision to give to see they bave granted im-



Seeking truth: Stephen's father, Neville Lawrence, and aunt, Cheryl Słowły, at Woolwich town hall after yesterday's hearing

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munity to anyone who wants in come forward and give evidence. Perhaps now we might get to the bottom of what

Imran Khan, the family soticitor, added; "There's been a wall of silence around this particular murder, or that's what's claimed.

"I hope that immunity by this inquiry will change that. The family feels that now for the first time people perhaps

four years ago."

The inquiry will not start until the beginning of Fehruary when an investigation by

some light on what happened Kent Police into the Metropolitan Police's handling of the affair will be completed, along with a separate inquiry by the Police Complaints Authority.

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#### How dandruff could help to collar a criminal

Criminals with dry skin or itchy scalp should look for a new profession: scientists can now build a DNA 'fingerprint', from a single speck of dandruff, Esther Leach reports on how the breakthrough follows two years of work.

It is now possible to use a single cell to confirm a person's unique genetic "fingerprint". according to Dr Ian Findlay, a Lecds pathologist. Presently, forensic scientists need at least 500 cells to generate a DNA profile detailed enough to stand up in court.

Dr Findlay said: "A human cell left on a eigarette butt, a licked stamp or a single sperm can lead to the identity of a suspected criminal. The breakthrough made with the use of computer enhancements of DNA markers will revolutionise forensic science and crime detection. It means even a smudged fingerprint which

would cormally be of oo use to police in the huot for a criminal suspect can be analysed to obtain a DNA profile. "To the case of multiple

rape, for example, each indi-

vidual involved can be ideoti-

fied even if the cells are mixed together. Cells left on clothing, even if it has been washed, can be examined and DNA ideotification still be made using this technique. "It is possible to conceive of there being no scientific harrier to the detection of crime.

There is more work to be done to perfect the technique but this is the hreakthrough we have been waiting for." The development, reported today in the science journal Na-

ture, follows two years of research at the University of Leeds, which has been working closely with Birmingham Forensic Science Service. A single cell is chosen, and

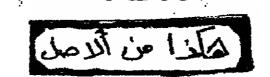
using a technique called Short Tandem Repeat Profiling. which focuses on repeated sequences of combinations of the four DNA "hases" (known as A. T, C and G) within individuals' ge ocs. These "tandem repeats" are inherited and so are strongly tied to a person's heritage. Using computer enhancement reveals the markers which identify an individual's uoique geoetic make-up.

Results can be available withio six hours, giving six "markers" from the DNA, as well as the persoo's sex. The chance of two unrelated people sharing the same markers and sex is 100 million to 1. British courts will accept DNA evidence with four markers.

In tests so far, the six set of markers can be ideotified in 50 per cent of single cell samples. Four markers can be identified in another 14 per cent of the samples.

Dr Findlay hopes forensic scientists will be using the technique within a couple of years. A spokesman for the Forensic Science Service, which pioneered the use of DNA profiling, and set up the world's first national criminal intelligence DNA datahase, said: "This is a crucial breakthrough. It means we can take evidence from smaller samples than ever before."







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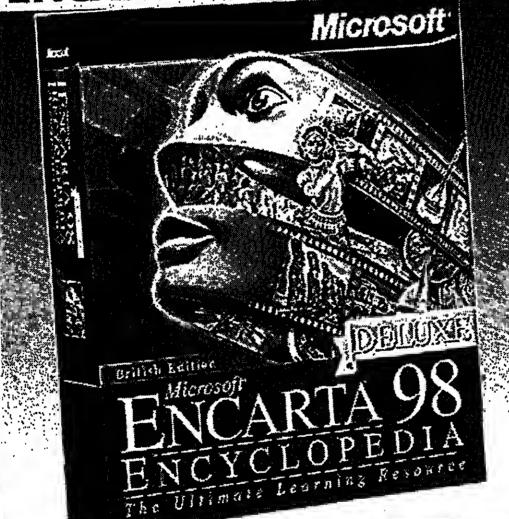
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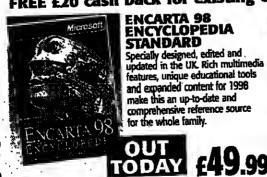
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### Hizbollah double bomb blast kills four

Four Israeli soldiers were killed and !! wounded in mine attacks by Hizbollah guerrillas in southern Lebanon yesterday. Earlier, Benjamin Netanyahu met with Yasser Arafat for the first time in eight months. Patrick Cockbum in jerusalem reports on israei's problems in Lebanon and with the Palestinians.

Roadside bombs planted by Hizbollab, the Lebanese Islamie guerrillas, killed four Israeli soldiers and wounded a further 11 yesterday. The attacks, coming after the death of 11 Israeli naval commandos in a Hizbollah amhush last month.

the Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, to get Israel out of Lebanon, where 41 of its soldiers have been killed in fighting this year.

The soldiers died in what appears to have been a double ambush, according to Lebanese security officials. In the first, near the village of Markaba close to the Israeli border, two soldiers were wounded, one seriously, in an explosion. Less than an bour later, another roadside bomh hlew up by an Israeli unit several hundred yards away from the first attack, killing four soldiers and wounding others.

Hizbollah guerrillas then fired barrages of rockets at the sites of the bombings, causing panic among motorists. Israeli soldiers sealed off the area, residents burriedly went indoors and shops closed.

The attack will be bad news

early hours of yesterday morning, drove to the Erez checkpoint with Gaza to meet with the Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, in the presence of Dennis Ross, the United States special envoy. Both the Israeli and Palestinian leaders feel under pressure after the release of Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, the spiritual leader of Hamas, the Palestinian Islamic organisation.

Although no breakthrough was reported. Mr Ross said it marked a good beginning "because the leaders committed themselves to overcome all the differences". He said the two sides had agreed to meet regularly in future. However, Mr Arafat will look for an Israeli commitment not to expand settlements on the West Bank.

Mr Netanyahu is in a difficult position because for the past year he has said that there would be no progress in peace

are sure to increase pressure on for Mr Netanyahu, who in the talks until Mr Arafat rounded up members of Hamas, but he himself has now released the organisation's leader. Sbeikh Yassin says he has already asked Mr Arafat for Hamas institutions to be reopened. He said: "Why close an institution that teaches children or gives humanitarian aid. They have done nothing illegal." Despite Mr Ross's optimism

Mr Netanyahu may simply want to do something to divert the Israeli media from focusing exclosively on the scandal surrounding the failed assassination attempt on Khalid Meshal, a Hamas leader, in Jordan by Mossad, the Isrneli foreign intelligence organisation. A senior official was quoted yesterday as saying that the other Israeli intelligence chicfs were prepared "to undergo a lie detector test" to prove that Danny Yatom, the bead of Mossad. did not tell them of his plan.



Tricolour: Kiran fighter aircraft from the Indian air force trailing smoke in the three national colours at Photograph: Kamal Kishore/Reuters celebrations of the force's 65th anniversary in New Delhi yesterday

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#### US outlaws funding to named terrorist groups

The United States yesterday designated 30 groups as foreign terrorist organisations, making it illegal to provide funds for them and denying their memhers or representatives US visas. It did not include the Irish Republican Army.
The groups included a range

of Palestinian groups, two Jewish organisations, the Iranian Mujahedin-e Khalq and Tamil separatists in Sri Lanka, among Madeleine Albright, the

Secretary of State, announcing the move mandated by a 1996 US law, said the goal was to "make the United States fully a no-support-for-terrorism

The law makes it an offence to provide funds or other matenal support to the groups named vesterday; denies American visas to "aliens abroad who are members or representatives" of the groups; and requires US financiai institutions to block funds under their control that belong to the groups.

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James Ruhin, a US State Department spokesman, said that although the IRA was not on the list, the United States intended to keep it "under active review."

The designations expire in two years' time unless renewed, hut more groups could be added to the list in future, Mr Rubin said.

Well-known groups included on the list were the Islamic resistance organisation Hamas, the Basque group ETA, the pro-Iranian Hizbollah organisation, the Cambodian Khmer Rouge, the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), and Peru's Shining Path and Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement.

#### Sanctions on Sierra Leone

The UN Security Council voted unanimously to impose oil, arms and travel sanctions on Sierra Leone in an effort to punish a military junta for toppling the country's elected government. The coup in the tiny West African nation on 25 May has become a test case for African countries

#### **Henderson visit to Turkey**

Doug Henderson, foreign office minister, will visit Turkey from 13-15 October. He will meet the Foreign Minister, Ismail Cem, in Ankara before travelling to Istanbul.

#### Pauline blows to Mexico

Hurricane Pauline continued its slow but ominous march toward the southern Mexican coastline, churning up hellish seas and instilling fear among locals unaccustomed to a fierce storm. Forecasters said Pauline was likely to run into the Oaxaca coastline last night or early today.

#### Diplomat admits killing

A member of the Georgian Embassy in Washington whose government waived diplomatic immunity pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter in a car accident that killed a teenage girl. The diplomat, Gueorgui Makharadze, also pleaded guilty to four counts of aggravated assault He was held in jail pending sentencing on 19 December.

#### Kim Jong II is finally official leader of North Korea

The world's most mysterious political figure. Kim Jong II, yesterday finally got the promotion everyone had been waiting for and, for the first time in more than three years, North Korea, officially once again had a

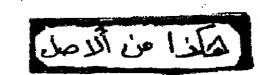
leader. Mr Kim, the so-called "Dear Leader", was appointed general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, the Stalinist ruling party formerly headed by Mr Kim's father, Kim Il-sung, who died in July 1994. Confirmation that the 55-year-old Kim was formally inheriting his father's mantle had been delayed until the traditional three-year period of mourning was over, even though he was named as heirapparent in 1974. The announcement was made this week to coincide with Friday's anniversary celebrations of the

party's founding. Mr Kim was already head of the armed forces, but be has not vet taken over his late father's position as state president, a joh which may remain

vacant for some time to come. The spectacular show which is likely to be mounted tomorrow to mark the occasion will be in sharp contrast to the famine and economic collapse which has gripped North Korea for the past two years. The world will now be watching to see whether Mr Kim's formal appointment opens up any possibility of policy changes, in particular any hint that North Korea might consider the benefits experienced in neighbouring China from loosening rigid Communist economic theory. Little is known reliably about the man and whether be is likely to demonstrate any reformist tendencies.

The official propaganda about Mr Kim's appointment is beyond parody, claiming that the autumn blossoming of apricot and pear trees, and the capture by fishermen of a rare, albino sea cucumber, showed that Mr Kim had "heaven's mandate" to lead the country.

Teresa Poole



Egypt has launched an unprecedented campaign against the press in Cairo, taking Arab journalists to court for a story that was never published and banning foreign correspondents from reporting attacks on tourists. All this in a country which claims to be a functioning democracy.

"Meet me in court," Magdi Hussein said. And sure enough, when I turn up at the Egyptian ministry of justice's courthouse in the Cairo suburb of Abbassiya, there is the bespectaeled and bearded editor of the Islamist Al-Shaab newspaper published twice weekly with a circulation of 130,000 - standing in the tired atrium of Court Number 3, wearing his usual friendly scowl of contempt for authority. He is appealing a libel case brought by Alaa al-Alfi. the son of the interior minister, whom his newspaper has accused of refusing to settle a Cairo hotel bill and then bullying the staff when they demanded payment

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Mr Hussein spends a lot of his time accusing the ruling authorities of corruption. So do other journalists in Cairo, Mr Hussein himself awaits trial on six other hearings, including another libel case for hearing in a criminal court brought by minister Hassan al-Alfi himself - whom Mr Hussein accuses of protecting drug traffickers. Four other writers and a cartoonist on Al-Shaab are named in the charge. Minister al-Alfi, needless to say, denies everything. And like Egypt itself, Mr and issued a grovelling apolo-Hussein's court cases drag on without resolution.

Kafka - cliché though it may be to say so - would be at home in Court Number 3. The

ceiling fans slowly turn the sweaty heat high above us while against the wall, 20 handcuffed prisoners stand inside a mcdieval iron cage, awaiting trial. docile-looking civilian judges while guards hawl at women relatives of the caged men. Above the din, I can just hear one of the minister's two advocates demanding a verdict within hours. Mr Hussein - uncaged - stands before the beach with the same unpitying smile.
It would be pleasant to be-

lieve that this is some kind of aberration, a freak deviation from Egypt's much trumpeted (and American-backed) democracy. Alas, no. Only last month, a Cairo court found six journalists from the Saudiowned Arab daily Asharq al-Awsat guilty of libelling

#### BY ROBERT **FISK**

President Hosni Mubarak's two sons, Ala and Gamal, by claiming that both used their father's name for furthering business deals. Five of the reporters escaped imprisonment because they were outside the country but the sixth, an Egyptian, received six months in jail.

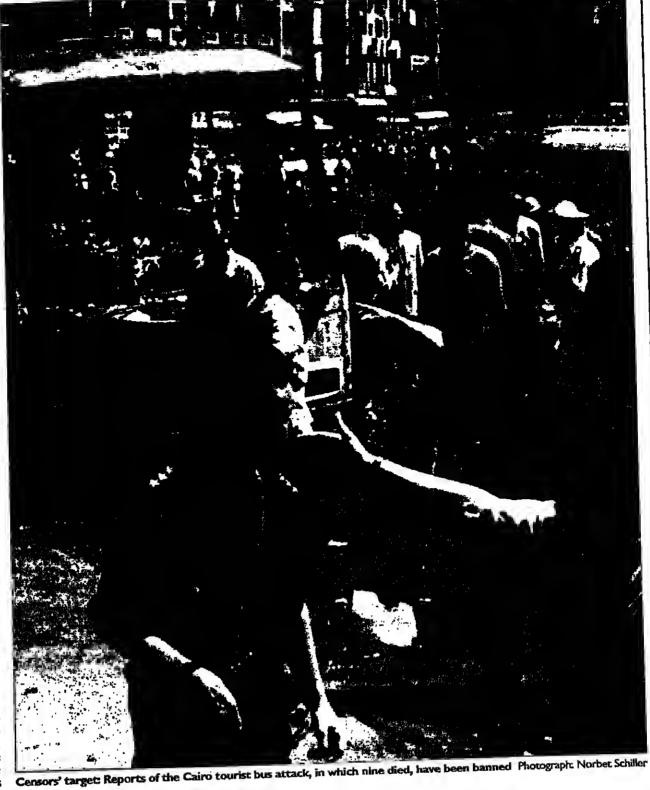
Oddly, the supposedly libellous article never appeared - the Egyptians started proceedings on the basis of an advertisement in the paper for a story that was to appear in its sister magazine Al-Jedida. It was only after Asharq pulped 120,000 copies of the offending magazine, fired two journalists gy that the unforgiving Egyptians took the journalists to court. Asharq, one of the most prestigious of Arab journals, then closed its Cairo office.

Military prosecutors meanwhile hanned reporters from writing about the killing of nine German tourists by gunmen outside the Cairo Na-Lawyers how pleas at the three tional Museum last month. The ministry of tourism said journalists had no right to question the official version of the attack on the bus - which states that two rather than five gunmen staged the assault - nor to call it an organised "Islamist terrorist" operation because the principle gunman was "insane". The fact that the principal killer, Saher abu el-Ulla, shouted "Allahu Akhar" (God is great) as he set fire to the bus

was ignored. Even more embarrassing was the fact that Saber abu el-Ulla was responsible for killing two Americans and a Frenchman in 1993 (again crying "Allahu Akbar" and again excused as "insane"). The Egyptians, of course, are frightened that their tourist industry will again collapse if the slaughter of the Germans appears to be political. Potential tourists should not be warned. Hence the ban. Even this report is thus technically in breach of Egyptian law. Already one major Euro-

pean news organisation has cravenly come to heel and censored all its reports on the attack. International news agencies and television companies are equally fearful that if they breach the censorship law, the Egyptians may close their offices. Thus Cairo bureaux have become hostages to prevent journalists from reporting the story: preservation of the office, it seems, is more important than the truth. "The government also intimidates our Egyptian stringers," a foreign news agency journalist says. "When this happens, our oews dries up. So what are we

going to cover?". The independent Cairobased Middle East Times suffered official punishment on



Thomas Cromwell, was detained at Cairo airport and deported to Athens without explanation. His next editorial, written abroad, was headlined

mitted government censorship of the paper.

"It's very difficult to have a free press without real democracy," Magdi Hussein says out-

22nd August when its editor, "a Letter from Exile" and ad- side Court Number 3. "The government cancelled democracy when they held elections which were unfair and now they refuse to allow us to in-

vestigate corruption in high

places. There is a red line and journalists must not cross that red line." But hasn't he done just that, I ask? The grim returns, "That," he says, "is why

#### **MEDIA'S** NADIR

The Arab media is in a sorry state. If it played its most credible role in opposing colonial role in the Middle East, it is now at its nadir supporting local dictators, censoring its own reports, accepting bribes from the rich and powerful, acting as a mouthpiece for ruthless regimes.

King Hussein, that most "trustworthy" of pro-Westem Arab leaders, has recently closed down 13 weekly newspapers, many of them Islamist. Lebanon's 16 freelance television stations have been cut to four - all owned by prominent members of the Lebanese government. In Syria, Jordan, Iraq, Sudan, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Libya, Morocco and Tunisla, criticism of the head of state is seen as treachery.

In Tripoli, Cairo, Algiers (where more than 50 journalists have been killed by Islamists). Tunis and capitals of the Gulf states, journalists are imprisoned for the mildest criticism. In Lebanon - where the press is still comparatively free - and jordan and Palestine, writers have been locked up. The Saudi-owned international Arab press - especially Al-Hayat and Ashara al-Awsat have some freedom.

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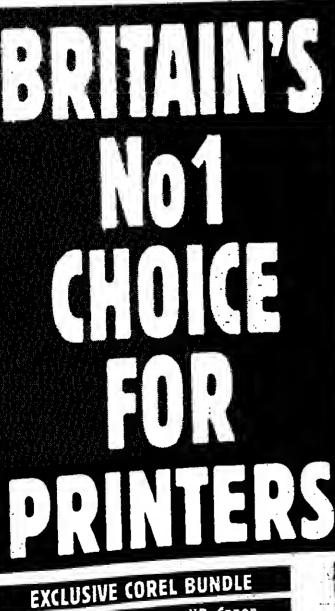
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But the Saudi-owned Orbit channel brought about the collapse of BBC's Arabic television service over a programme about the

Israel cannot be left out of the equation. Local censorship means that most accounts of the attempted murder by Mossad of a Hamas leader in Amman are preceded by the words "foreign media are reporting ..."

Yosef Lapid, an Israeli journalist, this week described the censorship as "an infantile game" - but at least he could say it.



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# Test papers kept back to stop schools cheating

Measures to stop teachers and pupils benefiting from previews of national tests were announced yesterday. Headteachers accused ministers of using a sledgehammer to crack a nut as only five cases of cheating in 18,000 schools were found this year. Judith Judd, Education Editor, assesses the need for new procedures.

The Government announced yesterday that it was tightening up arrangements for national curriculum tests in English, maths and science for 11- and 14-yearolds. The move follows allegations that schools opened papers in advance and coached pupils for this year's tests - one headteacher resigned after confessing that he had done so.

From next summer, schools will not be allowed to npen papers until one hour before they are used and local authorities will carry out new spot checks to make sure that the papers have not been opened before the test date.

Papers will be sent out only a few days in advance of the tests instead of a fort-

night early, and headteachers will have to sign declarations that tests in the three subjects for 11- and 14-year-olds have been administered properly and fairly.

At present, heads may open papers early if they have permission from the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, which oversees the tests. They are allowed to do so if they need to make special provision for pupils, for instance translation in maths and science for children who do not speak English.

Ministers need to ensure that the tests are rigorous because the Government has staked its reputation on achieving challenging targets based on national test results. Estelle Morris, the education minister, said that she was sure that the overwhelming majority of teachers did not cheat but the Government needed to have absolute confidence in the results.

Government exam advisers who investigated cheating allegations after this year's tests in May looked into 35 cases in which examiners were suspicious because pupils in the same school were giving very similar answers. In five cases, including that of the head who confessed, there was clear evidence of cheating. In a further 13 there was some evidence hut not enough for local authorities to dis-

One reason why reports of cheating are much more widespread than this may be that schools are so nervous about their position on the league table that they accuse others of breaking the rules. Officials who this summer investigated an anonymous letter accusing a Shropshire school of cheating found that it had no

Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said that schools must not break the rules but added: "The fact that the Government has seen fit to act indicates the impossibly high stakes attached to the tests."

Ms Morris said: "Rigorous tests together with teachers' assessments of pupils are essential in monitoring progress towards our demanding literacy and numeracy targets. "We regard the integrity of tests as

paramount and it is essential that they are fair - and seen to be fair - to all But David Hart, general secretary of

the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "No one in their right mind would object to any reasonable steps by the Government to tighten the administration of next year's tests but there is a danger that the Government is taking a sledgehammer to crack a nut."



A pupil at Millverton Combined School, Learnington Spa, sitting the 11-year-olds' test

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### Heads voice doubt over LEA powers

The government wants local education authorities to act as improvement monitors and make sure schools play their part in the crusade to raise standards. But head teachers' leaders are not sure LEAs are up to the job. Lucy Ward finds schools rejecting town half interference.

In its response to the government's Excellence in Schools White paper, the National Association of Head Teachers yesterday said ministers are new powers set out in the thorities excessive powers over schools in the name of driving up standards. The heads expressed strong reservations over the ability of "a significant number" of LEAs to supervise schools' progress.

Under the proposal LEAs will gain a central role, with new duties to approve development plans for schools and new powers to take back some control of those which are failing.

Every school will have to work with its authority to agree improvement targets based on its own and others' performance in tests, exams and inspections, and must submit to monitoring of its progress.

The head teachers' union insists that LEAs must not be given powers to approve schools annual plans, and questions whether ministers can be truly confident of the

local education authorities' ability to "deliver their part of the bargain". It points to the example of the London borough of Hackney, which accepted intervention by a government-appointed "improvement team" after an inquiry uncovered mismanagement and neglect of

While only a tiny minority of authorities are in such crisis, others are also causing concern. according to the union. It warns that small unitary authorities, recently created and new to running education, may face particular problems coping with the challenge of monitoring

all schools. Other LEAs could well act unreasonably in exercising ers' union says. Under the proposals, they will gain the right to intervene where schools are struggling by appointing additional local authority governors or, as a last resort, withdrawing hudget delegation.

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The union claims many LEAs have run down their inspector and adviser service to virtually nil or have kept staff hut sent them to join Ofsted inspections of schools in other authorities in order to raise revenue. "They may not be in a lit state to fulfil the Government's expectations," it says.

Ministers believe they have nut adequate safeguards in place to ensure authorities play their part in the standards drive. The White Paper will give the Government new powers to send a "hit squad" into LEAs which fail to live up to their new responsibilities.

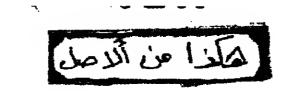
#### Compromise over excluded pupils

"Confrontational" procedures used to exclude children from school should be replaced by a new approach aimed at compromise rather than conflict, local authorities have told ministers.

The present system, in which parents go through a formal appeals process if they disagree with a schoot's decision tn exclude, serves neither children nor staff well, according to the Local Government Association. It proposes an alternative, in which all sides would hold a joint "case conference" when a headteacher was considering excluding a child. This, it says, would prevent confrontations such as at Manton tunior School, in Nottinghamshire, last year when teachers went on strike after governors overturned the head's decision to exclude 10-

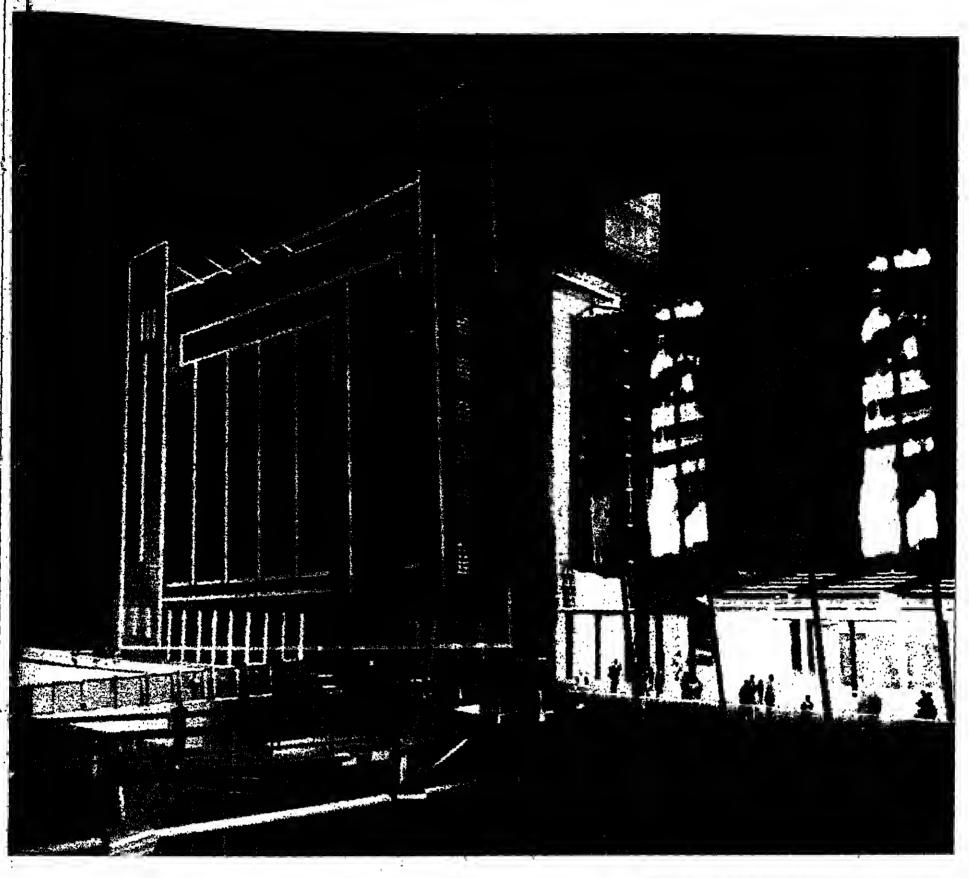
year-old Matthew Wilson. Local education authorities, who put their proposal to the schools minister Estelle Morris on Tuesday, first raised the suggestion a year ago with Gillian Shephard, then Secretary of State for Education. Mrs Shephard said the switch might be possible without legislation. At present, a head's decision to exclude a pupil is considered by the governing body, which usually backs the move, and by the LEA, which can reinstate the child. Parents and governing hodies have the right to appeal against an LEA's decision.

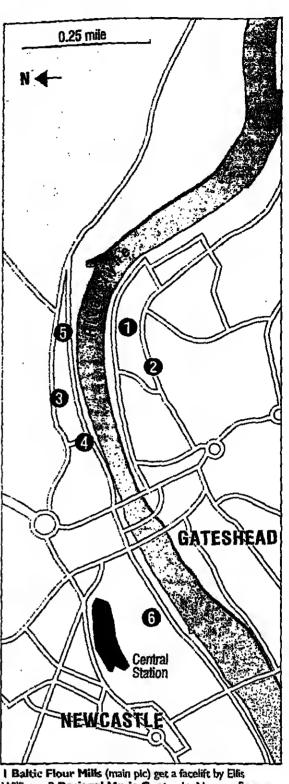
Governors support their headteachers in % per cent of cases, and parental appeals succeed in only 1 per cent, the Local Government Association's chairman Graham Lane said. Under his association's proposal, which would come into force wherever parents objected to an exclusion, LEA officials would mediate between parents and school. If parents were still dissatisfied, governors and LEA representatives would form a panel to review the case, taking evidence from parents, the head and other relevant people.





# Pursuits of the Millennium - the divine side of Tyneside





Williams; 2 Regional Music Centre by Norman Foster & Partners, in concept stage; 3 Steel double-arched footbridge opens like a visor; 4 Dickinson Dees, by Piers Gough and CZWG; 5 The Malmaison hotel, opens soon; 6 Terry Farrell's International Centre for Life

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T North East of Britain is in art and architecture. lelone town planning in the 2: century. Gateshead and Neastle, the two towns with face each other across thTyne, are becoming just alit the most exciting places idrilain.. For decades they we impoverished, heteagred and decaying. But their spessful effort to seize lotit money and Arts Council filing has transformed reddant factories and warebses into housing, hotels and agatleries.

Rivals in their need to give or critizens a future in the next neart to the inner city, with tisport and housing and two wersities, while Gateshead beone for culture. When arts fding was cut in the early Inties, Gateshead kept their a programme, using the Ceshead Garden Festival to phote contemporary sculpit, and started their own art

The rise from the ashes of g-industrial collapse has in dramatic. New business ge to the industrial parks ched with EU grants - Sams. Siemens. IBM and Niss Newcastle is now the fifth best retail centre in Britain. the fortunes of the cities seed to turn round, so did the Uncil it was time to put back ney into the community, to que a mile-long sculpture along the river, an arts dre and a regional centre for sic, designed by Norman Ber, primarily for the North-Sinfonia. The Gateshead

" We don't want the South Bank of London happening here. With its mish-mash of buildings.windswept squares and parcelled-up land all compering with each other in inharmonious styles."

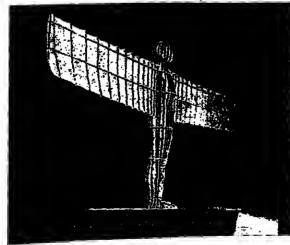
A beautiful hridge by Chris Wilkinson Architects is proposed, to link Newcastle Quayside to the international arts complex planned in the old Baltic Flour Mills on the other side of the Tyne in Gateshead. The hridge has to be able to rise when ships pass. Architects Chris Wilkinson and Jim Eyre found inspiration in motor cycle helmets - and in particular the pivots that swing the visor upwards.

These springing points, like the hetmet visor points, allow two arches to pivol. One pulls down and locks in place across

Council architect John Devlin Baltic Flour Mills conversion, proud of Gormley, though they mission granted £33.4m; £45-£55 million for the music centre next door for which they have had just £1.5 million Arts Council funding to develop the project and £7.5 million for the bridge.

But they are building on their encounter with an angel. Anthony Gormley's steel angel sculpture, as tall as four douhle decker buses, weighing 200 tons with a wing span nearly as hig as a jumbo jet. It will be crected in sections between now and Christmas at the point where the Al road meets

"If it hadn't been for the angel," says Peter Stark of Gateshead Council, "none of this funding for the arts would have come our way. The council proved we could deliver the angel on time, to budget, in the



The Angel of the North

the water to form the deck. The other, a 45 metre high steel parabola of thin suspension rods, supports it and echoes the graceful curves of Stephenson's 1845 High Level Bridge and the 1929 Mou Hay and Anderson Tyne Bridge.

The Millennium Commission are meeting this month to discuss its funding, along with Norman Foster's Millennium Bridge from St Pauls to Bankside across the Thames. They have £250 million of lottery money to give away in this third phase, but projects bidding for over £380 million.

Galeshead Council are still seeking a lot of sponsorship. They needed £46m for the

face of opposition." First, the Gateshead rate payers didn't want the angel because they didn't like it. Then they didn't want it because they thought Millennium money would be better spent on hospitals and schools, even though lottery money is specifically targeted for arts programmes. The council pointed out that if they didn't apply they would lose out to another region.

Anyway, Gormley grew on them. When he showed "The Field", 40,000 tiny terracotta sculptures arranged for the Visual Arts of the North programme last year, 25,000 people came to see it. Perhaps Gateshead is learning to be open for them.

a proposal to name the Angel of the North "Princess Diana". No, said Gormley. Anyway.

it's an androgynous angel. Newcastle's housing policy is to transmute the decaying factories, shops and warehouses into reasonably priced. high quality housing with urban regeneration grants from the Government agency, English Partnership. Its main shopping street has resembled a huilding site for nine months as the city council embarked upon a project 10 turn it into the most attractive pedestrian precinct and to convert abandoned buildings in shops with apartments.

The Granger Estate, a 75 mile inner city area, gets a £40 million investment. Nobody ever envisaged the Gillette razor factory being on the cutting edge of new housing but, cleaned up, given a new roof and light wells all along the loading bay, it had 300 applications for 63 apartments. Now the style-conscious, cosmopolitan Malmaison hotel opens in the old Co-op on the Quayside. The biggest millennium project planned as a crowd putter by Newcasite who have been relatively restrained in making millennium mooumeots, is the International Centre for Life. At this genetics institute in Terry Farrell's new building you can say hello to Dolly, the cloned sheep and other curiosities.

As Jim Daly, the RIBA architect who showed me around says: "Newcastle's time has come at last. We saw it happening to Liverpool and Manchester and now it's our turn." The neon-lit sculpture by Richard Wilson on the façades of the Baltic Mill conversion, called "This Place is Jumping". says it all.

If David Howell, or Lord Howell of Guildford, is to be believed, one day the ships will return as well. Baltic Flour Mills refers to the shipping trade from Baltic ports east to west. Now that the Russians have opened up trade, he sees Newcastle as being strategically placed to henefit all over again. If the hig. ships ever do come back here, the Millennium bridge will be there to



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# It may be good old fashioned witchcraft, but it works

Researchers are claiming that a stressful job can cause miscarriage; there may be some truth in it. But there is an antidote, says Celia Dodd. It's called tender loving care.

"Go-getters who put their unborn babies at risk." Overtime in stressful job triples miscarriage risk." So screamed the headlines this summer, announcing the latest research on miscarriage from the University of California which found that lawyers who worked a 45-hour week were three times more likely to have suffered a miscarriage than those who worked less than 35 hours. The key factor, it appeared, was stress.

What are pregnant women - and miscarriage sufferers in particular - to make of this? Should they hand in their notice? Work to rule? Since neither option is realistic or desirable it's reassuring to learn that the findings have been greeted with cantious scepticism by British researchers,

Professor James Walker, who runs the recurrent miscarriage clinic at St James's Hospital in Leeds, says "It's too simplistic to say that women who are worried about miscarrying should cut down the stress in their lives. Obviously if they're extra stressed in their job or private life that may be a factor. But miscarriage can cause a lot of problems at work and within marriages, and it's difficult to know how much is due to the stress of the job and how much is due to the stress of the problem."

One in four women miscarry at least once. One in 100 women suffer to find a cause, particularly for the most common miscarriages which (one in six pregnancies).

Even with miscarriages where it's deemed apbetween 14 and 24 weeks propriate, conventional (only one in 50 pregnancies) a specific cause is not always found. Yet inevitably women

want to find a reason and too often they feel it's their fault - for having had too much wine, tobacco, or sex, for taking too many, or too few vitamins, for exercising too much or too little (the recout upsurge of interest in pre-conception planning bas done much to inflame all this guilt). It's tempting to dismiss the California research as yet another way of making women feel they're to

Yet stress - the high anxiety caused by a previous miscarriage rather than the pressure of a high-powered job - is increasingly acknowledged as a possible contributing factor. Professor Walker says: "Women who miscarry and women who start bleeding in early pregnancy have very high anxiety levels. Most of the care we have set up here is related to reducing that stress as much as we can. The higher the level of psychological support you can give a woman before and in the early stages of any pregnancy subsequent to miscarriage, the lower the chances of another misthem back in control." Her job is also to find carriage occurring. They require a huge amount of more answers and more TLC - totally non-medeffective treatments. One of the most significant

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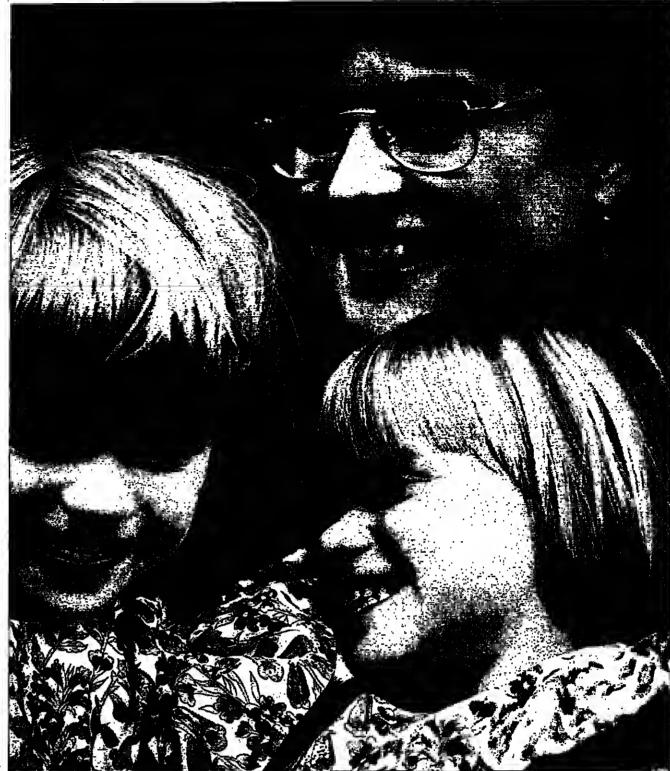
studies on the effects of intensive psychological support in Norway and New Zealand. "TLC" or Tender Loving Care is the rather soppy name given to the support offered to women by St James's. In fact what they get is much more than a sympathetic ear and a reassuring pat three or more miscar- on the head. Weekly ul- and this leads to the some women have a geriages. It is rarely possible trasound scans - which baby's death at any time pick up a nabys heartbeat just five weeks therapy increases the live into the pregnancy - offer physical proof that the baby is still alive, and cent - a finding which, un-

medical treatment is offered. But, Professor Walker says, "It's very difficult to separate the effect of these treatments from psychological support. If you give someone an injection once a week that is a very strong support - they are getting something to help them. There is a huge placebo

Professor Lesley Re-

gan, who runs the largest recurrent miscarriage clinic in the western world, at St Mary's in Paddington, admits that she is also mystified by the fact that patients offered immediate access to medical help seem to do extraordinarily well, "I can't explain it in physiological terms but I do think there is something about helping women to help themselves which is of benefit to them. Most patients want you to find something wrong and it often takes a long time to explain that in fact it's probably better if we don't. But if you're an intelligent, book-reading person and no one can give you an answer it's terribly frustrating. Women become quite depressed because they feel out of control, which they are. Most of my job is putting

basically - but it's imporrecent breakthroughs at tant." His view is sup-St Mary's has been the. use of low-dose aspirin ported by two recent and the anti-clotting drug Heparin to help prevent early miscarriages in women who carry Lupus antibodies, but who do not exhibit any other symptoms of the disease -about 15 per cent of recurrent miscarriers. The antibodies can cause clotting in the blood vessels that supply the placenta up to 28 weeks. Drug birth rate in these women from 10 per cent to 70 per



Barbara Hepworth-Jones with her identical twin daughters Ellen and Louisa, age three

Photograph: Kalpesh Lathigra

stood the test of time. Professor Regan's team is now looking at whether which are linked with miscarriage, and into hormonal abnormalities. It all sounds highly

optimistic. But the harsh reality for individual women is that there are still only a handful of clinics offering the kind of creasing numbers of ment currently available field, West Yorkshire, WF1 netic predisposition to support pioneered at St women who delay preg- to women of all ages is 3JS. Tel: (01924) 200799. though more are now following their example. Most women have to suffer at least three miscar-

riages before doctors are willing to investigate.

This has particular repercussions for the inand heyond, when the risks of miscarriage become much higher any-

more humane approach to their queuing system than others. But the treaton where they live, their GP's willingness to refer them, and their own de-

Some clinics take a For more information send an sae to The Miscarriage Association, Clayton Hospital, Northgate, Wakebook, 'Miscarriage: What Every Woman Needs to Know' is published by Bloomsbury, £7.99

Barbara Hepworth-Jones, 35, a. clinical research education advisor, had three miscarriages after she first pregnant at age 29. After attending the Royal London recurrent iniscarriage clinic she gave birth to identical twins, Elien and Louisa.

"At the time of the discarriages my p was quite says all and involved a t of travelling Twas convinced that sus had contributed to the miscarriag partly because the GP advised bed re I felt very guilty but I couldn't char-my lifestyle. I wanted to carry working after having a baby. I spent hours looking up things

medical journals, desperately trying find a cause or freatments that won make it all right next time. I thin was also looking for reassurance th it wasn't my fault. I got depressed a couldn't stand to be with friends w were pregnant. The only thing th helped was talking to other wom who'd had miscarriages too.

My husband was obviously ups hut he seemed to feel fairly confide that next time things would go OK A main problem was dealing with me I thought we'd never have a baby. I di o't tell anyone at work about the mi carriages. My employers didn't lil people getting pregnant and I knew wouldn't get any long-term projects maternity leave looked likely.

After the third miscarriage I we for various tests at the Royal Londo most of which were negative. They say it was possible that my immune syste was rejecting the baby, so I was in munised with my husband's whit blood cells. Studies done since sho the difference this makes is margin: but at the time I felt it might help.

When my pregnancy test was poitive I attended their early pregnance support clinic. I could phone up was worried and got a lot of TLC. The held a special scanning afternoon fo recurrent miscarriers, when ther were no happy, very pregnant wome in the waiting room. I would see th heartbeat on the scan and feel conf dent for a few days then; when tha wore off, it was only another three day until the next scan. That care and re assurance really got me through.

I was certain it would go wrong, s I didn't acknowledge that I was goin to have habies until six weeks befor the due date, when I bought two Baby gros. Within two days I gave birth to identical twin girls - premature bu I'm fairly sure that my miscarria were just bad luck, caused by chre mosomal abnormalities. But at the time you can't appreciate that."

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### My sister says Dad abused her as a child. Should I believe her?



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Judith thought she had a happy childhood, but her sister has suddenly revealed that their father abused her every night, creeping into her bedroom. Her father is very upset as is her mother - and denies it completely.

Judith's sister now refuses to see her parents. How can Judith be loyal to

#### VIRGINIA IRONSIDE

One only has to look at the daughters of Enid Blyton or Antonia White, whose views of their mothers varied hugely between mum-in-a-million and monster, to realise that we each have a different experience of our parents, even sisters close in age. For one, their father is a dominating hully with a cato'-nine-tails always close to hand; for the sibling he's a strong but kindly character who is all bark and no bite.

I am always astonished when talking about my father to my half-sisters; sometimes we are discussing exactly the same person, and then we suddenly diverge, as if we were each talking about a completely different person. There is "Christopher", as he was to me, and "Daddy", as he was to them. For example, I'll say, "Christopher was so insecure," and they'll say: "Insecure? Daddy?", completely flummoxed by such an idea.

Parents similarly treat children differently. They may make huge gender preferences - the boys get all the second helpings and the white meat, and the girls have to clear the table. With children of the same sex, some are favoured, some are scapegoated. It's a rare but known syndrome that a child in a family can be so hated that he or she is made to eat in a different room, wear second-hand clothes, and generally be turned into a Cinderelia-type slave by a mother who, to her other children, is perfectly normal, warm and affectionate. Up to a point there are always slight favourites in families, and though they've never talked about it, everyone knows who's

the chosen one. This would account for the difference in behaviour of Judith's father towards the two girls. But are her sister's necusations true? Is she

correctly remembering what happened? Might it have been no more than a case of her father coming in at night to check she was properly tucked up, and give her a kiss before he went to hed himself? Might this have got translated into ahuse by some convinced therapist, or indeed even by the sister herself, who may be displacing her own carly feelings of sexual desire for her father on to the man himself so as oot to take responsibility for them? Or maybe yes, her father did find her attractive, hut never laid a finger un her. We respond intuitively to feelings, even if they are never acted out. If this was the case, was it ahuse?

It certainly feels odd to me that Judith, even when she was told by her sister, had no "Aha! So that explains everything" bells going off in her head, no feeling that suddenly all the pieces had come together and that that would account for the funny looks her father had given her, or the vague feelings of tension around. No; she had a perfectly happy childhood withnut a glimmer of sexual ahuse. Her sister oow refuses to see either her father or mother, which is odd, because her mother oever did her any harm, unless she felt that hy her inaction she was condoning what was going on, and there's no evidence

Will the sister cut Judith out of her life, too, unless she backs her up in her recently discovered memories?

My advice to Judith is to keep well out of it all, and hang on to the memories of the happy childhood she clearly had. Her parents have never done her any harm, and second-hand hatred or revenge is always unkind. If, as a result, her sister wishes to cut her out of her life as well, this, as they say, is the sister's problem.

#### WHAT READERS SAY

Whether true or not, your sister needs help

Child abuse has a huge profile at present. I was abused myself, so I dare to say that the current hype about it has worked up a frenzy which can do more harm than good to many victims. And it has certainly alerted persons seeking attention in a perfect way of dramatising themselves.

What is important in genuine cases is for the victim to come to terms with what happened, and then move on. Whether her claims are fabricated or genuine, your sister needs professional help. I almost hupe her claim is genuine, as if these are lies she must be in a bad way indeed. JMC, Caemarvon

Trust your own gut feeling about what happened

Children are very sensitive to the emotional atmosphere at home. If you are genuinely astnunded to hear this allegation, then it is possible that it is not true.

I say this because in my family it was I who uncovered "memories" of sexual abuse, when I was

Later, through therapy, I admitted to myself that I was angry with him for a host of unexpected reasons, but he had never sexually abused me. It was a terrible time for the whole family. My hrother sided with me and effectively lost Mum and Dad for two years. So keep an open mind and heart; your parents and sister are still the people you have toved alt your life. Keep saying to them that you don't know whether it happened or not, but that you hope whoever is telling the truth will stick to their guns - so that if this rift stems from something other than sexual abuse, your sister may find it eas-

clinically depressed in my mid-

twenties, and accused my father.

Give your father the chance to say sorry

ier eventually to admit the truth.

Kate Bishop, London SW10

Unfortunately your sister probahly has been abused by your father - what would she stand to gain from making this allegation if it were not true? She must be every hit as upset as your parents;

I bet she has been building up to this for years. She will have considered the possible outcome of keeping the events of the past to herself - bearing the secret hurden with increasing anger, fearing that any children you and she may have would have the same treatment from their grandfather.

Now she is giving him the opportunity to be the good father she has always longed for, by apologising for the abuse. You could support everyone by encouraging them to talk about what happened. Your sister should state what she felt at the time about your father's behaviour - unbelievable as it seems, he may have thought she liked what he did; after all, he liked it, and she was his girl!

Your father may take the olive hranch nn offer at a family discussion and admit something he will have tried to forget that what he did was wrong, and he knew it at the time and is sorry now. If he can summon up the courage to admit this, it could be the making of him. Isabel Brooks, Totnes, Devon

Keep on good terms with all the family

I am a counsellor who has had clients with memories of childbnod sexual abuse. I would say to Judith: If your sister convinces you that she has always remembered the abuse, but has not spoken of it before, then the memory is likely to be true .-

If she has only recently remembered it, whether spontancously or while in counselling or therapy, then there is no way for either you or your sister to know whether it is true. Sometimes such recovered memories are true; sometimes they are based on real events, but distorted sometimes they are a symbolic in dication of some other kind of

Can you keep on good terms with both your parents and your sister, while making it clear that you simply can't know who to believe? It is a difficult thing to do, but if you succeed you could be the means by which some sort of reconciliation (yes, they do happen) can be negotiated. Name and address withheld

#### NEXT WEEK'S DILEMMA

My grandchildren are coming to and a hit of n left-over punish be happy - do you think I can indaughter-in-law is away.

She has given me a list of rules, such as no sweets, no television except half an hour on Friday, bath twice a day, only half-an-book. hour on the computer every day,

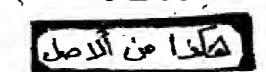
stay for a few days while my ment from a few days ago which means that my grandson, aged eight, has to go to bed at 7.30pm for the rest of the week and be Letters are welcome, and every con-

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sist that these rules be relaxed?

shut alone in his room with a tributor who has a suggestion quoted will be sent a bouquet

Send your comments to me al the Features Department, The Independent', 1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E145DL (fax: 0171-293 2182) by Tuesday morning. And if you have a dilem ma of your own that you would tile to share, please let me know.



# Otto Ernst Remer

Otto Ernst Remer, soldier and political activist born Neu Brandenburg, Germany 1912; died Marbella, Spain 5 October 1997.

One Ernst Remer's career peaked in July 1944 when he helped, perhaps decisively, to change world history, tipping balance in favour of Nazi fanatics against the "good Germans" who were plotting to overthrow Adolf Hitler.

Despite his relatively low rank of major, be was in command of the Guards Battalion Grossdeutschland in Berlin when on 20 July 1944 the military plot against Hitler was in full swing. As is often the case with military coups, many of those involved at the lower levels thought it was an exercise. Remer was instructed to deploy his troops to guard essential public buildings. He complied.

He was further ordered to arrest Dr Joseph Goebbels, Reich Minister for Popular Enlightenment and Propaganda, and Gauleiter of Berlin. Many young ficers would have had difficalties with such an order. Goebbels was the public face of Germany and also the patron of the battalion. When the two men came face to face, Goebbels seized the psychological initiative, and established contact with Hitler at the "Wolves' Lair" in Rastenburg, East Prussia,

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Remer: unrepentant Photograph: Hulton Getty

Hitler promoted Remer to colonel over the phone and ordered him to move swiftly to crush the conspirators. Most of them were shot, committed suicide or were later hanged after show trials.

Had Remer taken a different line, it is possible the plot would have succeeded. Although Hitler had survived the plotters' assassinatioo attempt, which killed some of his entourage in a bomb explosion, if the plotters had succeeded in taking control of Germany the war could have ended nearly a year before it did. Despite the Allied policy of offering the Germans only unconditional surrender, with a broad national government in control in Berlin, public pressure for peace would have been very strong in Britain and the US. In this situation, Germany could have negotiated a better deal.

Doubts about Remer had been expressed by the anti-Hitler plotter and Berlin police chief Count Wolff von Helldorf, but he was overruled by his military colleagues who thought Remer would simply obey superior orders. Remer had been awarded the knight's cross for his active service. Only weeks before, he had been wounded in an air raid and had made a good impression on the Berlin conspirators. However, Remer. a former Hitler Youth leader. remained true to his oath of loyalty to Hitler, which every soldier had been obliged to give. Remer finished the war as

a major-general before spendng some time in an American POW camp and in a British internment camp. He had had a good war as a professional soldier and found it impossible to come to terms with the new Germany. The country was occupied, divided, disarmed, despised and hattling to cope with millions of refugees. He was by no means alone in seeing the Third Reich as "12 glorious years". He was fered among the remnants of those still loyal to the Third Reich and was soon active in far right politics.

The party he helped to found in Hamlin in October 1949, the Sozialistische Reichspartei (SRP), was briefly successful. In the regional elections in Lower Saxony in 1951, it auracted 366,790 votes - 11 per cent. In Bremen in October, it won 7.7 per cent of the vote, with Remer as deputy chairman of the party. These results shocked the outside world. But the truth was, Lower Saxony had been a Nazi stronghold even in the 1920s, and the SRP

was largely confined to that area. Of its 10,300 members, 6.500 were in Lower Saxony. Meanwhile, an action for slandering the members of the anti-Nazi resistance was brought against Remer by surviving relatives of the July plotters. Sentenced to three months' imprisonment on 15 March 1952, he fled to Egypt. The SRP was banned as unconstitutional in the same year. Remer remained unrepentant in his support for Nazi Ger-

many. If anything, he seemed to get more extreme as his cause lost popularity. He participated in or led several neo-Nazi movements in the decades that followed. Until 1989, he headed the German Freedom Movement (Die Deutsche Freiheitsbewegung); this was one of 23 similar groups with an estimated combined membership of only 1,500. It was on the fringe of the fringe of far-right politics. From June 1991 to February 1994 Remer published the Remer Depesche, which claimed to bave its offices in Britain -

Deutschland Report. In 1994, he moved to Spain to avoid a 22-month sentence for inciting hatred, violence and racism -- he was one of a small colony of German and Austrian "revisionists" who denied the Holocaust. The extremist magazine Halt evaluated Remer's "escape" to Spain as "a severe setback for the German Federal Government in its war against Germany".

it was then replaced by the

- David Childs



'The Street Singer': Tracy in The Big Broadcost, 1932

Photograph: Ronald Grant Archive

#### Arthur Tracy

Abraham Alter Tratserofski (Arthur Tracy), singer: born Kamenietz-Podolsk, Ukraine 25 June 1900; three times married; died New York 6 October 1997,

Arthur Tracy was a great singing star of the 1930s and 1940s. His fine tenor voice and wide and varied repertoire made him a great favourite with radio listeners and vaudeville

audiences.

He was born Abraham Tratserofski, in 1900, in Ukraine, and st the age of six was takeo to the United States with his parents - the name Tracy was bestowed upon the family by immigration officers. He received an elementary education and, without any formal theatrical or musical training, produced and acted in school plays in his early teens.

His leaning towards show business took him into the Yiddish Theatre, as Yiddish was his first language. After winning a singing competition in Philadelphia, be was engaged by the eminent producers the Shubert brothers and played the leading roles in the operettas Blossom Time and The Student Prince. After touring the US and Canada, he returned to the Yiddish Theatre under the direction of Boris Thomashevski (the grandfather of the conductor Michael Tilson Thomas). He later worked as a solo artist in vaudeville but would return to his first love, the Yiddish Theatre, from time to time.

In 1931 Tracy was offered a continuing his radio and musicrecording contract with Cohall career, and made four lumbia Records, for whom his films, including Limelight output was prolific. His signa-(1936), with Anna Neagle as ture tune, which he used until his leading lady, The Street the end of his career, was a ro-Singer (1937), with Margaret mantic ballad called "Marta, Lockwood, and Follow Your Rambling Rose of the Wild Star (1938), with Lilli Palmer, which were very successful. Wood". When radio beckoned. he felt that be would benefit He returned to the US in from a little mystery in his 1940, continuing his career un-

til his age and the emergence professional persona and adopted the name of "The of the rock 'n' roll era made his particular image unfashion-Street Singer". However, a play able. Nevertheless, his records of the same name by the British playwright Frederick Lonsdale still sell in great numbers today and his fan clubs in Britain and was being presented on Broadthe US still kept in touch with way at that time, and so he tihim at his Manhattan West Side tled himself "The Street Singer of the Radio" to avoid confuapartment, a veritable museum sion (later abandoning the of posters, sheet music, records, tapes and press material. Only He enjoyed great success on recently he was presented with radio and soon returned to a gold CD to mark the extraordinary sales of his work: he vaudeville, but this time as a was the oldest star to receive headliner. He also appeared in

final three words).

Bing Crosby.

grammes, notably commercials

for a ladies' cosmetic product,

"Tokalon Face Powder". He was

a smooth talker and a natty

dresser and soon became one

of the smart set, enjoying a

friendship with the Prince of

Wales. He stayed in Britain,

Hollywood films, notably in such acclaim. The Big Broadcast (1932) with He visited Britain in the spring of 1995, making a live Tracy came to Britain in broadcast on Radio 2 on the John Dunn show, When 1 ac-1932 to fulfil an engagement as companied him to the BBC top of the bill at the London recording studio, it transpired Palladium. Instant success that the news of his broadcast brought him bookings throughhad been announced a day out Britain, starring at all the principal variety houses. Radio . earlier and there was a crowd Luxembourg soon called for his of his fans waiting for bim, reservices and he was engaged questing aulographs, taking to do many series of prophotographs and cioe films.

His English recording manager visited him and said: "Arthur, you're going to make it to 100 and when you do we will make a special album to commemorate the event." It was not to be.

-- Bernard Mendelovitch

#### Helen Brook

Helen Grace Mary Knewstub, family planning adviser; born London 12 October 1907; Foundar, Brook Advisory Centre for Young People 1963, Chairman 1964-74, President 1974-97; Chairman, Family Planning Sales 1974-81; CBE 1995; married 1926 George Whitaker (one daughter; marriage dissolved), 1937 Robin Brook (Kt 1974; two daughters); died London 3 October 1997.

Helen Brook, the founder of the Brook Advisory Centres. defied the caricatures of those who portray advocates of family planning as purveyors of loose morals. She did not approve of promiscuity, nor did she approve of abortion. The Brook Advisory Centres, which she established in 1964, primarily aimed to reduce the oumber of illegal abortions and "illegitimate" hirths and to inculcate a sense of sexual responsibility in the

Brook was motivated by ferrent belief that children should be born to mothers who wanted them and could care for them. She also believed that women should enjoy equality with men and that to achieve this they needed to be able to avoid unwanted pregnancy. In an interview to mark her 79th birthday she explained; "I felt that, until women were free of the fear of unwanted pregnancy, they would not be able to take up the equal opportunity of work."

Helen Brook entered the world of family planning as a volunteer for the Family Planning Association at a time when the FPA was avoiding the obvious need to provide contraceptive advice for the unmarried because of concern for its organisational respectability.

Throughout the 1950s and early 1960s the FPA was wracked by controversy about its public policy of extending "pre-marital advice" only to those within four to eight weeks of their wedding day. While the discussions and the arguments raged, Brook acted.

In 1958, when Marie Stopes died, Brook was invited to ruo her independent clinic in Whitfield Street in London, and with the support of the clinic doctors and a nurse she began to run an evening session each week for the large numbers of unmarried women turned away from other clinics. In 1963, she began "secret" sessions aimed specifically at young

When, at the end of that year, a storm of publicity broke,



Brook a pragmatist

the Marie Stopes board suggested it would be expedient if she founded a separate centre. The opportunity was duly seized and the first of the Brook Advisory Centres exclusively for young, unmarried people opened its doors in London to women and men in

A Birmingham branch was established in 1966, followed by centres in Edinburgh, Bristol, Liverpool and later Glasgow and Coventry. Today 18 branches of the Brook Advisory Centre, funded by local health authorities, provide free and confidential advice oo sex and contraception to nearly 70,000 people under 25 each

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Brook was a pragmatist. In the 1950s and 1960s she was aware that sexual atoludes and practices were evolving and that if family-planning services were to meet the oeeds of society then they must change too. The philosophy of her clinics was explained by one of her doctors at the outset: "Shock and moral attitudes are not what is needed, but a recognition of the struggle the girl is going through.

The work of Brook Advisory Centres has, in this spirit, continued to address the needs of young people - male and female - despite hostility and opposition from a minority of detractors. Their current chairwoman, Dilys Cossey, bas said that, if Brook Advisory Centres were not constantly pushing at the "boundaries of what is 'respectable' to provide what is 'necessary' they would be failing their founder's legacy and her memory". Until her death, despite severe eye problems in later life, Brook retained an keeo interest in, and supported, the activities of the centres that bear ber came.

She was horn Helen Knewstub in 1907, one of six children. into a genteel and cultured world. Her mother gave hirth to ber in an upstairs room at the Chenil Gallery, which her father bad founded. Having been educated at the Convent of the Holy Child Jesus at Mark Cross, Sussex, she later renounced Catholicism and joined the Anglican church.

She bore a daughter to her first husband, George Whitaker, the leader of the Chenil Chamber Orchestra, a year after marrying him at the age of 18. The marriage was dissolved two years later at her request. She then speot two years as a painter in Paris with her daughter. After returning to London, in 1937 she married Robin Brook, a merchant banker who became a director of the Bank of England and was knighted in 1974; they had two daughters. She was appointed CBE in

Helen Brook was a refined and cultured woman who came from a generation which was not afraid to take courageous leaps and leave bold imprints on the world. Even before her death, the legacy of her audacity enhanced the lives of millions of young people, allowing them to explore and enjoy their sexuality without fear of pregnancy. That legacy will continue in the work of her centres.

-- Ann Furedi

David Francis Marr, golf myer and television Emmentator: born Houston, Texas 27 December 1933: twice married (two sons, one daughter, and two stepsons);

When Justin Leonard won the Open Championship at Royal Troon in July, his name was added to the line of great Texas golfers. Even in the short time since then, the game of golf has lost two others, first Ben Hogan, and now Dave Marr.

Best known as a television immentator. Marr was not in are same class as his friend Hogan as a player. But what he lacked in talent, he made up for in heart and courage. His fourth and final victory on US Tour came at the 1965 USPGA Championship at Laurel Valley, deep in Arnold Palmer country in Pennsylvania, where he held

Casper. Not until Davis Love this year did another son of a club professional win the USPGA.

Golf was far from Marr's whole life. In contrast to the majority of modern pros, he was based for much of his career in New York and passed the evenings with frieods from show-business and sports writing, one of whom dubbed him the pro from 52nd Street".

His connections and gift for storytelling brought Marr to ABC TV in 1970, where he took over from Byron Nelson as the network's main golf analyst. The highlight of his career came, however, when he was invited to captain the American Ryder Cup team in 1981 at Walton Heath, Surrey.

That was the year the visiting team read like a who's who of golf - Nicklaus, Johnny Miller, Tom Watson, Lee Trevino, Ben Crenshaw, Ray Floyd, Larry Nelson and this year's captain Tom Kite among them

- and they duly delivered a nine-point thrashing over the Europeans. Yet, Marr could not have been a more courteous, gracious or well-liked captain.

After being unceremoniously dumped by ABC in 1991, Marr was out of work for only 24 hours. He was hired by the BBC, where his soft Texan drawl fitted in perfectly alongside the mellifluous tones of Peter Alliss, and later by NBC, where he complimented the sometimes acerbic, always

"Dave Marr is an ambassador," Miller told Golf World recently. "The greatest gift he has is that he always makes everybody feel comfortable. As an announcer, he'll be constructive in his criticism, but it always comes in mild sprinklings. He's always appreciated the good shots, and it's not that he's flattering the players. He just sees the good in most things."

strident Johnny Miller.

--- Andy Farrell

#### Dave Marr

died Houston 5 October 1997.

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#### Anniversaries

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Douglas-Home, Lord Home of the Hirsel, politician, 1995. On this day: Captain Cook went ashore in New Zealand, 1769; Uganda became in-dependent, 1962; the breathalyser test came into force in Britain, 1967. Today is the Feast Day of Saints Andronicus and Athanasia, St Demetrius of Alexandria, St Denis or Dionysius of Paris, St Dionysius the Arcopagite, Saints Eleutherius and Rusticus, St Ghislain or Gislenns, St Louis Bertran, St John Leonardi, St Publia and St Savin.

#### Lectures

Gresbam College, Barnard's Inn Hall, London EC1: Professor Simon Lee, "Sex, Law and Morality: the 40th anniversary of the Wolfenden Report", 1pm.

Royal Society, London SW1 (Zeneca Lecture): Sir Kenneth Murray, "The Revolution of the 1970s, putting molecular biology to work, 5.30pm. RIBA Architecture Centre, London Wi: James Parry, "Cities on the Edge: the architecture of Yemen",

King's College London, London WC2: Sarah Spencer, "Structure and Powers of a UK Human Rights Commission", 1pm.

#### Luncheons

HM Government Mr George Robertson MP, Secretary of State for Defence, was the host at a luncheon held yesterday at Lancaster House, London SW1, in honour of Dato Syed Hamid bin Syed Jaafar Alber, Minister for Defence of Malaysia.

#### LAW REPORT: 9 OCTOBER 1997

### Court had power to order change of child's surname

The county court had jurisdiction under section 8 of the Children Act 1989 to order that a child's surname be changed from that which had been registered, but in exercising its discretion whether to order such a change, registration was a major factor to be taken into account.

Dewson v Wearmouth Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Hirst and Lord Justice Thorpe) 31 July 1997

The appellant, Dawn Wear-

mouth, whose surname was that of her former husband, had Dawson. They had been living together but had never married. They separated about a month after the baby's birth, and the mother looked after the baby, together with her two legitimate children. In April 1996 she registered the child's name as

child be known as Dawson, not Wearmouth. In January 1997 Judge Conterill ordered that the child should be known as Dawson, and that the mother was prohibited from causing or permitting the child to be known by any other name. Rodger Hayward Smith QC and Richard Harrison (neither of whom appeared in the court below) (Batters, Taunton) for the mother, Catriona Duthie (Dodson Harding, Wellington) for the father.

a son by the respondent, Mark Lord Justice Hirst, giving the judgment of the court, said that it was submitted for the mother that there was no jurisdiction to entertain an application to effect the change of a child's name save under section 13 of the Children Act 1989. The father contended that specific is-Alexander Guy Wearmouth. sue orders under section 8 of

section 8 of the Children Act fettered pre-existing jurisdic-1989 for an order that the tion in wardship, and that without such jurisdiction the father of an illegitimate child would be bereft of a remedy if the mother abused her responsibility under the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953. In the case of an illegitimate child the statutory requirement for the registration of the hirth was on the mother alone. Section 13 of the 1989 Act

> provided that: Where a residence order is in force

with respect to a child, no person may (a) cause the child to be known by a new surname; or (b) remove him from the United Kingdom; without either the written consent of every person who has parental responsibility for the child or the eave of the court.

It was submitted that that provision excluded the exercise of a general power under section 8 to make an order.

Where two parents had to the court for determination.

The father applied under the Act replaced the court's un- parental responsibility but no residence order was in force, in the event of disagreement in relation to a surname or any other matter cither party had the right to apply to the court for any of the four orders mentioned in subsection (1) of section 8. Precisely the same right existed where one parent had parental responsibility and the other did not. It was only if a residence order was in force that the application fell to be brought under section 13.

The clear conclusion was that the jurisdiction was there. Whether it should have been exercised was another matter. If there was a general principle underlying the present appeal it was that the registration or change of a child's surname was a profound and not merely a formal issue, whatever the age of the child. Any dispute on such an issue must be referred

The judge had erred in principle in approaching the question as though the matter had been beard before the registration of the child's birth. Il was thus incumbent upon the court to exercise its discretion

The name Wearmouth was the mother's actual name at the time it was chosen by her, as well as being that of the child's half-brother and balf-sister. It was therefore a perfectly natural and logical choice for her to make, and could not be justly criticised as alien merely because it was also the name of her ex-busband.

Those circumstances, coupled with the all-important fact already stressed that it was the child's duly registered name, seemed to be very powerful factors in the mother's favour. In all the circumstances the appeal would be allowed. - Kate O'Hanlon, Barrister

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# The Queen makes a stand against the times



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So the Oueen is not at ease with the idea of a nation "with its finger on the fast-forward button, in her Prime Minister's ghastly phrase. "I sometimes sense that the world is changing almost too fast for its inhabitants, at least for us older ones," she told the Pakistani parliament. It was meanl as an aside, the closest one gets to a Royal Jnke, and a self-deprecating one too. But it offered an elegiac insight into the conservative character of our monarch.

Hers is a popular sentiment - that the pace of technological change is growing ever faster. That there is no hope for us wrinklies when three-year-old Angelica can already programme the video and surf the Net.

But it was ever thus. Seventy-one-yearolds doubtless shook their heads when the pharaoh's engineer explained how to move five-ton blocks of stone up a pyramid. What's wrong with a simple cremation? they probably asked. They tut-tutted when the first motor cars spluttered onto

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the roads. Dangerous, nnisy, impossible to drive. They regarded the telephone as a jangling invasion of privacy, and preferred speaking to an operator instead of using anything quite as complicated as a dial. Indeed, the Queen's grandmother Queen Mary, who died in 1953, refused to use one at all. Technophobia seems to run in the family. This was also the week when the Princess Royal issued a sombre warning against confusing computers with education. Part of the fun in the news that the royal family had set up its own weh site on the Internet was its incongruity, set against the image of an old woman who still wears headscarves and for whom a key-

board probably means a piano. But it is a mistake to think that, simply because someone is old enough for a free bus pass, they cannot operate a microwave or must feel disoriented by scientific progress. Some old people are enthused by change, while some young people cannot cope or stick wilfully to a

mannered fogeyism. This is not a matter of years, but of an attitude of mind.

What the Queen was really saying yesterday is that she does not belong to the flexible side of the human race. She did not suddenly start to disapprove of change when she became a grandmother, unsur-

prisingly, she was ever thus. But the important point is that she is on the wrong side of the divide. It is part of the urban mythology of modern life that technology advances by geometric progression, with ever shorter times between scientific breakthroughs with ever greater power to change our lives. It is central to visions of ecological catastrophe, a kind of modern-day green millennialism, that technology is spinning out of control.

Again, it was ever thus. There is a tendency in human nature to see scientific advance as a threat to civilisation as we know it. But there is a stronger tendency to find things out, try things out, and push at the limits of what can he done. We have no

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chnice, of course, but it is right that the questing spirit should prevail.

At the simplest level, "you can't teach an old dog new tricks" is a misunderstanding. Much of the new technology is designed specifically to enable people to cope with change. If people cannot use mobile phones and computers, they will not sell. Nowadays, electronic gadgets come with thick instruction booklets which most people throw away because they are so easy to use.

But there is a more profound point. There is no doubt that the pace of change in our understanding of the physics of the universe, the technology of information and the science of life is accelerating. This should be liberating and exhilarating. But, as scientists break boundaries in their explorations of higher maths, mind-bending physics and genetics, they bave streaked away into areas where most peo-

Perhaps there always was a knowledge

élite, from the scribes of Ancient Egypt to the professors of genetic manipulation, capable of terrifying the rest of us with the fear of that which we can only dimly grasp. But now scientific breakthroughs are translated into the way we do business at astonishing speed, and there are new dangers in the disconnection between the knowledge elite and society generally.

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This has been demonstrated by the public alarm over the cloning of sheep and the possible cloning of people. This newsport per has argued that these fears are misplaced, but scientists do need to develop their understanding of the ethical and so-cial contexts in which they work.

The route to democratic understanding, bowever, lies mainly in a wider realisation that trying to find the answer to the next problem, or how to make use of the answer to the last one, is the nnty way to control technology. It is not a message we would expect the Queen to like, but standing still is never the right thing to do.

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#### **LETTERS**

#### Tebbit's Britain

Sir: In the light of Lord Tebbit's remarks, let us give William Hague some credit ("Anger as Tehhit questions loyalties of 'two-nation' immigrants", 8 October). Not only did he have the courage to send a message to the Gay Pride march, but he has consistently supported cultural diversity in this country.

Unlike Lord Tebbit, Hague appreciates that a modern econnmy will entail the mobility of labour which will inevitably lead to ethnic diversity within nations. Britain was never a mnnochrome culture, but mndernity has now made such a dream impossible. IAN MARKHAM Liverpool Professor of Theology and Public Life

Liverpool Hope University

Sir: Let it pass that Norman Tebbil has no more claim to be an aboriginal of this island than anyone else. Let it pass that many of the heroes of the narrow history he was taught at school were themselves immigrants or foreigners. His speech might have been marg less repulsive if he had the balls to address immigrants and the descendants of relatively recent immigrants directly. Instead he was talking to an extraordinary alliance of skinheads, booray Henries and little old ladies in elaborate blue hats.

History is not only what he was taught in school, it is also what happened last year, last week, this evening - and it can go in any direction, including towards the Balkanisation he fears. He mistakes the causes, however. Like Karadzic in Serbia or Paisley in Northero Ireland, he may find himself the catalyst of the very hatred and violence he pretends to be saving us from. JON GRAY

Sir: Lord Tebbit's remarks reflect Britain's need to confront the consequences of its own meddlesome creation of false "multicultural" countries in the name of empire.

A country like Nigeria. forcibly amalgamated in 1914 into a "multicultural" colony served the purposes of the imperial state. The different nations were bludgeoned into



of overseas dependencies, with which come excess haggage. For Lord Tebbit to hicker

about it without placing the issues in context is further to alienate ethnic communities from the Tory party and raise the spectre of forcible repatriation. Yet as all sensible people know, a new Britain cannot be born from its imperial past. It will be born out of the creativity of all its inhabitants and its birth is being overseen by Tony Blair. MICHAEL O BANJO

London SE16

#### Memories of abuse

Sir: Dr Kevin Ilsley (letter, 3 October) is attacking the wrong windmill. While I can accept no responsibility for Freud I can as-

sure him that the Royal College of Psychiatrists places great importance on the early recognition and treatment of sexual abuse in childhood. I agree with what he says about the suffering of adults who were abused as children.

The much less common problem which we are trying to deal with is the phenomenon of "false memories" which may be created in adult life and are followed by devastating consequences within the family. The suffering in these families is well documemed and the accuser often gains little relief from the "revelation" and the isolation from those they had loved and depended upon which follows.

We are not questioning the reality of childhood abuse, but we are saying that it is the responsibility of therapists to ensure that the task of treating ahused children should not blind them to the suffering which can occur when inap-

propriate therapy of adults generates false memories of past abuse.

SYDNEY BRANDON Chairman, Royal College of Psychiatrists Working Group on Recovered Memories

#### Threat to midwives

Sir: I was astonished to read that the One-to-One midwifery scheme is under threat of closure (letter, 2 October).

As a mother of two and with another on the way, I feel most strongly that it is extremely important for those making the decisions to be fully aware of the physical, psychological and, perhaps more importantly to them, financial benefits of this scheme.

I had my first child at Queen Charlotte's and had shared care between hospital and GP. This involved meeting with a different midwife on each hospital visit. I wasted a good deal

of everyone's valuable time, because of the lack of midwife continuity. The last straw was when the midwife who had looked after me through labour had to leave shortly before I gave birth because her shift had ended.

With my second child I was advised by my doctor to opt for the One-to-One scheme. For a working mother it was ideal. It gave me the confidence to sail through my pregnancy with no other medical attention apart from that received from the midwife. I spent a maximum of one hour in the hospital during the nine months of my pregnancy. I went to hospital for the last stage of labour and the

back home by lam. The time element in itself demonstrates how much money must be saved through fewer hospital and GP visits. It would be more sensible to expand the One-to-One service

birth. I arrived at 10pm and was

rather than axe it, so that more women can enjoy this excellent service.

NICKI GUNNING London W3

#### Learn to love euro

Sir: You report a pre-election survey indicating that 61 per cent of British voters wish to retain the pound ["Voters still hostile to the euro", 7 October). Under what circumstances

will people continue to hold this view? If the euro proves a success? If sterling returns to its historical position as a soft currency, vulnerable to speculators and declining against the world's major currencies? If inflation and interest rates in the UK surge higher than in those countries that are part of a single currency? If inward investment falls due to inevitable resentment over the UK's semidetached position? If the UK is pushed to the margins of EU decision-making? If British industry finds itself at a competitive disadvantage?

It is not surprising that there is opposition to economic and monetary union and even to the European Union as a whole. Successive Conservative governments and mass-circulation newspapers, several of them foreign-owned, have consistently rubbished the European integration process in favour of an atavistic appeal to nostalgia. English nationalism and

xenophnhia. The debate on the merits of a single currency has hardly begun. The Blair government must pitch into this debate with honesty and courage. Only then is there any likelihood of a change in the public perception of what is in our long-term interests. SIMON SWEENEY Senior Lectunirer in European

Integration Studies University College of Ripon and York St John, York

#### US lesson on wages

Sir. Jonathan Fry (letter, 6 October) seems unaware of the basic economies of employment in Britain's small businesses: that if you don't earn enough money to pay a minimum wage then you either have to sack people or not employ them in the first place.

We are often told that the minimum wage system works in the US. What is not stated is that exemptions exist for firms whose annual turnover is less than \$500,000 (75 per cent of all UK firms have an annual turnover of less than £100,000) and firms that employ fewer than 15 people (93 per cent em-ploy fewer than 10, while 97 per cent employ fewer than 20).

In other words, just about every small business in the United States-is exempt from the legislation. In any case the minimum wage level is set so low that the majority of firms already pay well over that figure. Failure to treat small businesses in the UK in a similar manner will result in massive unemployment in this

sector. Dr BERNARD JUBY Federation of Small Businesses London SW1

#### Rowse in my shop

Sir. As a former purveyor of books to the late A L Rowse I can inform James Fergusson (obituary, 6 October) that his avian cries of "Cooeel" were not reserved for his housekeeper.

They would oft float up the creaky stairs to my office where my struggles to produce a catalogue would be punctuated by "Cooee! Cooee! I sp. -are you there?" Breathles ly he would arrive with a hundle of his own works under one arm for which he would demand credit.

After some haggling l would say, "Oh. all right - if you sign them." Whereupon he would produce his pen and flourish his signature across the title-page.

I once sold him a watercolour which he claimed to have hung above his bed. Perhaps his greatest intended compliment was an invitation to tea at All Souls. PHILIP JAGGARD

## Never mind about hitting below the belt – let's see what your navel is made of



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In all my life I have only ever heard two funny things about

the navel. Other parts of the body are supposed to be funny, or capable of being funny, but there is nothing particularly comic or even very interesting about the navel. For one thing, it is about the most useless part of the body there is. You couldn't be born without it. and you can't do anything else with it. The day you are born and your umbilical cord is snipped, its usefulness is over, and for the rest of your life you carry it around as if it were an old sell-by-date label you had forgotten to

After that, the navel acquires characteristics which the great designer of the world

never intended it to have. It why navels were chosen to tell marks the belt line, so it become a symbol of fairness and unfairness, as when something is below the belt. It has acquired a nickname, the belly button. which I suppose ranks it above the middle finger and the elbow. two bits of the body which I have never heard referred to lightly. Sometimes, when little children are asking awkward questions about where babies come from, they are fold that they come from their navel, and indeed I have heard of young children rubbing navels mutually in order to achieve this mysterinus miracle known as having babies, but I am afraid there are not many less interesting things to rub together

children about.

But what else? Well, people who are inward-looking are often said to be contemplating their navel, which imputes a kind of hopelessness to the case. And what question do they ask themselves as they contemplate this strange cavity. which I once heard described as the perfect place to put salt if you cal celery in the bath?

The question they may well be asking themselves is: what two funny things can he possibly have heard about navels in the last 40 years? I am glad you asked that

The first I heard about 30 years ago, when Mort Sahl was than navels. Which is exactly a great name as the first of the lise that I should have treasured

question.

improvising comedians, and what he said was this:

"I was listening to a folk singer the other night - you know what a folk singer is, don't you? A folk singer is an artiste who performs passionately with his shirt open, right to the navel. Only they have no navel. This is the ultimate rejection of the mother ...

That has stuck in my mind for 30 years, not because it is funny (which it isn't) or because it is significant (it doesn't mean anything at all), but because it is a great example of something that sounds as if it should be funny - it has all the shape of being funny without actually being funny. I am very fond of it for that reason. But I now real-

it for another reason: it was probably the only use made of the navel in modern humour. Until now.

Or until the other day, when Talaban, one of the few roling parties in the world beside Labour to have dispensed with the definite article, made a pronouncement from its government offices in Kabul. Talaban, as you know, is an Islamic fundamentalisi movement. They therefore think that being Islamic entitles them to pronounce on all matters in human life. (The late Ayatollah Khomeini had the same idea, until the fatwa pronounced on him by Salman Rushdie led to his untimely end.) And in this case

they had come to a decision

about morality in sportswear.

which is something that not even Tony Banks has done yet.

If any person in Afghanistan should indulge in sport, they said, they should not go beyond the bounds laid down by Islamic propriety. In other words, anyone who wore shorts for their sport should make sure that the shorts went below their knees. And anyone who went barechested for a sport should make sure their navel was hidden.

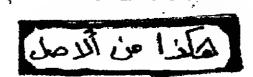
So welcome back to 20thcentury humour, the navel!

A reuder writes: Dear Mr Kington, it is not so long ago that we too in this country had shorts below die knees. Have you seen pictures of pre-war Arsenal? Their shorts are nearly down to their ankles! You may well laugh, but we didn't have pitch violence,

referee bribing and players throwing matches then. Maybe there was some connection between that and the long shorts. You hadn't thought of that, had you? And before the war you didn't get athleric kit so streamlined that you could see every sexual organ in 3D, including the navel, for all I know, did you? What have you got to say to that, eh?

Miles Kington: What have I gol to say to that ? I'll tell you what I've got to say - come outside and say that again, that's what I say! Put your dukes up and let me not see your navel!

In tomorrow's episode, a Talaban agent fights three hotly contested rounds with Mr Kington behind the pub until both are arrested for boxing in trousers the





# POLLY TOYNBEE THE NATION'S MEAN STREAK

I came to gloat. To wander around the battle-field and survey the routed rabble, defeat etched on their shamed faces. There they were, the dazed old generals, bizarrely arrayed against the pink, swirling backdrop—Mawhinney's scowling brows, Howard's demented, fixed grin. "A Fresh Future," says the podium slogan—hut "fresh" is one of those leaden words, like "hikarious", that suggests the opposite: stale, very stale old faces. Ah, the pleasure of it.

Up gets young Hague. Now is the time, he says, to get up off our knees. Now is the time to stop apologising, Sorry? Did I miss something? Who apologised? John Major did, just, pausing for the "no, no"s from the floor, who knew he really hlamed those he'd dubbed "bastards", sitting behind him, No one I talked to has changed their own personal position - not one jot or tittle; they are locked in warfare still. No one says "I was wrong; my views were wrong." For this is still a party rent by schism from top to bottom. The mad fever burns as fiercely in their veins; the lesson is oot yet learned; they are gripped by passionate hatred of one another. The crisis is not yet passed, and we do oot know if they will die of it or live to fight another day.

I spent most of my time amongst the delegates, taking their pulse, checking their eyeballs, tapping their reflexes. Taking tea in the Palm Court of the Winter Gardens, they were mainly the old, interspersed with a few fiercely ambitious, pinstriped young meo on the make.

One and all protested that Labour had stoleo their clothes and now strutted preposterously in their purloined finery. "But," said one, "they're only preteoding. They doo't mean it. No, oot eveo Jack Straw. It's not in their guts. They are oot us—we know it, they know it, and the people of Britaio will fiod out soco eoough".

saw their point. Take Mrs Nora Smith, OBE, hoo vice-president of the Westmoreland and Lonsdale party, now at her 27th conference. We are the party of the family and law and order. Respect and back to basics, religion and uniforms in schools, with good, oldfashiooed discipline in the home. I spoke to a teacher the other day and I thought he was a workman, the way he dressed. The rot started under Labour in the permissive Sixties, and we've got to get a grip. Only we Conservatives really understand these things. My grandehildren understand respect - they don't say boo to a goose. They're seen and oot heard, I'm glad to say." She can't understand the loss of oerve in her party. "On Europe, Cash and Gorman had a point, but they did belp lose the election. I really don't know what's got into everyone. Of course we'll be back, because we stand for elear Conservative values." She's right. Labour is not wearing her clothes. She does not sound even remotely like anyone in the

Labour party.

Nor does 25-year-old Philip Davies of Colne Valley, who wants to be a candidate oext time. He's a customer relations adviser

for Asda, and was the only Tory student at Huddersfield University. We should never join EMU, on principle, never mind the pros and cons. We're the party of the nation state. The party must inspire British people and give them something to fight for. Law and order is our issue. Jack Straw is soft - giving prisoners back their TVs in their cells. I'd bring back corporal punishment, but of course EU law won't let us. I'd keep them locked to their cells 24 hours a day. What's this rubbish about overcrowding? I'd have them three or four to a cell, and hard labour too. As for tuition fees, well, if you go to prisoo you get tuition free. All this is in our guts, every one of us. We're Tories. We don't need focus groups to tell us what the people think. We are the people, Labour aren't."

There was plenty more where all that came from Populist, nationalist, "commonsense", reactionary, True Blue views. There were some radicals, too ,who want to slash welfare to ribbons, dismantle state provision of health, pensions and education, regroup and radicalise in the wilderness as Thatcher did in preparation for her 1979 victory. But mainly the Tory rank and file just rely on the good, old-fashioned, nasty, hlinkered, meanminded, selfish Tory values that have stood them in such good stead for most of this century.

Now the question is, are they right? We may dismiss all this as out-of-date nonsense, off the Richter scale, yesterday's story, a mad rump so out of kilter with these gentler times that we can forget them. On the other hand, Blair may well be right when he warns that the Tories are just sleeping.

To be sure, as their new EMU Elastoplast phrase goes, "for the foresceable future" they are well and truly out of the game. Hague shows every sign of picking up Major's broken baton, glueing it back together and attempting to conduct the same mad Balkan orchestra. Norman Tebbit and Alan Clark gave him a splendid chance to exert a oew discipline. After all, they could hardly bave said more damaging or more wicked things. What do we get? Mr Hague "flatly disagrees" with them. Oh dear. Why didn't he withdraw the whip? Because 700 delegates cheered rapturously at Tebbit's speech, and he's fudging and funking like his predecessor.

However, sooner or later Hague or someone else will probably manage to get back on top of the Tory tiger and grab the reins again. What will happen if all these old True Blue values come bounding out of the jungle, reborn, in one piece? Will they find a nation that was transfermed out of all recognition on I May? Have all those years and votes for beastliness just evaporated, in a new, compassionate, caring, giving Britain? Are Blair and Diana-ism really triumphant, for ever?

Almost certainly not. Or oot yet. Most people still voraciously read the same beastly oewspapers, packed full of the same beastly renophobic views and prejudices. The Mail. Sun and Telegraph have not turned kind and generous overnight. Nor, presumably, have their readers. The beleaguered, ageing rump of a party meeting here in Blackpool may look a sorry sight now, but that doesn't mean they haven't still got their finger on the pulse of the nation's old mean streak. They are not history, or not quite yet.

Labour in power still has to prove that the country can be well run, fiscally prudent, good at social problem-solving, both adventurous and wise, both reforming and practical — and compassionate, too. It has to show that a government can be tough on inflation and crime, yet tolerant and open minded on how people choose to live their lives.

If not, then the Tory tiger will still have teeth. I came to gloat, but I came away chastened, remembering how deep and strong Tory values still are, even when the Tory party is weak. The battle to change Britain has only just begun.



Multiculturalism is at the heart of American vicality: Million Man March in Washington, October 1995

Photograph: Steve Helber/AP

# Even Canute would not try to hold back the tide of multiculturalism



# RUPERT CORNWELL TEBBIT FAILS THE TEST

In his rich and vivid political career Norman Tebbit has been likened to many things. Sage of the Salooo Bar, Bower Boy of the Thatcher era and, of course. - to borrow Michael Foot's immortal coinage - the "semihouse-trained polecat" of wake of his diatribe against multiculturalism, the comparisoo that springs to mind is with King Canute. Lord Tebbit may not like it, oor may an unknown but doubtless substantial portion of the British people. But there is oothing to be done.

Countries are not set in aspic, they constantly chaoge. evolve and acquire new layers. Britain's identity is a mixture of Roman, Celtic, Anglo-Saxon and Norman - the first and last of which inserted themselves into the oational fabric in distinctly more violent and disruptive fashion than Asians and blacks are doing now. Tebbit's vision is of a Britain where the church clock is for ever at ten to three, whose inner cities are unstained by crime, where everyone knows their place beoeath the law and God.

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One may wonder, too, about
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garet Thatcher, but whose fault lines mostly spring from the uniquely multicultural character of its society. Unlike Britain's voluntary immigrants from the Caribbean, America's hlack community bas every right to disown all things American: "We didn't land on Plymouth Rock, Plymouth Rock landed on us," said Malcolm X, a forefather of Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam, which a couple of years ago set white America's oerves oo edge with the Million Man March io Washington DC. In America, too, so great is the Hispanic influx that many demand special laws to defend the status of English as official language. Only in America, too, is the tiniest slur, real or imagined, capable of baving an eotire ethnic group up in arms - or rather of propelling it to the law courts.

oot so much in spite of as because of multiculturalism. In America, to the country's great advantage, multiculturalism ensures very few people know their place. Multiculturalism is at the heart of America's tensions, but also of its vitality. America has its Tebbits - the Pat Buchanans and the redneck militiamen who rail against gays and foreigners of every hue, and believe the United Nations and the World Trade Organisation are plotting to turn the country into a vassal state. The notioo is as absurd as Tebhit's suggestion that Britain could become another Yu-

Indeed, in matters multicultural, Britain in some respects is doing better than America. Race relations are palpahly more relaxed bere. Maybe it is another case of British muddling through, reflecting both the fact that we do

loudly by his liege-lady. Margaret Thatcher, but whose fault lines mostly spring from the uniquely multicultural character of its society. Unlike to laugh at ourselves,

Or take France, Confident of the power of its rayonnement culturel, it long considered itself multicultural. Today, however, for its population of North African origin, "Frenchness" is increasingly less beacon than straitjacket. France is caught in a vice, between a minority that cannot be fully assimilated. and nationalist politicians, led by Jean-Marie le Peo, who are more ownerous and more extreme in their views than Tebhit and their other counterparts in Britain.

But there is a deeper truth. In countries around the world, the divided loyalties so lameoted by Tebbit abound, deriving from race, skin, faith or language. As America shows, they oeed not be a recipe for disaster. Rather, as attested by the tragedy of 20th century German Jews – in all but one fatal respect more German than the Germans – the worst trouble comes when the state deems those loyalties mutually incompatible.

compatible.

Tebbit may have a point when he argues that beyond small groups such as club, family or gang, bumans cannot relate directly to each other without overriding standards or beliefs in commoo. Without such glues of language, national heritage and so on, a country ceases to be a nation or a society, just "a population living under the same jurisdiction."

To which one may answer first; and what is wrong with this minimalist definition of state-bood? Lack of a common faith or language does not mean all roads lead to Bosnia. True, there are multicultural mis-

matches like Canada which, if God rather than messy eveots shaped history, would surely be two countries. But Switzerland, boasting three languages and much cantonal tribalism, is doing very nicely. Belgium, despite the odd ruction, functions

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well enough. Second, Tebbit's argument is defeatist. If the majority's heritage and culture are sufficieothy attractive, the minority will embrace them alongside their own, and sometimes, gradually, in substitution for their own. In the process the dominant culture will be subtly altered. By and large this is what has bappeoed in America, and the phenomeous is to be observed here. What, after all, is more "British" than the Indian take-away?

Third, like it or oot, multiculturalism's advance is irresistible. It's oot just the sheer impossibility of undoing what is already dooe. Mixed marriages will increase. Easier travel, the growth of supranational institutions like the European Unioo, the communications revolution, the Internet, and the babel of a myriad of competing media outlets, representing every ethnic and cultural group -all are spoons to stir the global cultural pot, reaching ef-

matches like Canada which, if fortlessly over the borders so God rather than messy eveots cherished by Tehhit.

For proof, there is sport, which has largely replaced the old-fashioned instruments of monarchy, war and diplomacy as a prism for national loyalty. For me and maybe millions of others, a victory by an Italian, Spaniard or Swede in the recent Ryder Cup was as welcome as one by an Englishman, as long as an American was oo the receiving end, And as an Arsenal supporter, I would look most benignly oo a Dutch victory over Glenn Hoddle's team if a couple of Dennis Bergkamp goals were responsible.

So much, too, for the celebrated Tebbit "cricket" test that you can't be English if you doo't support the oational cricket team. What about Nasser Hussain, Mark Ramprakash, the Hollioakes, Devoo Malcolm, Andy Caddick - colonials team? They are the team. Yesterday, typically, Norman Tebbit would yield no ground: "If a society does oot integrate, it will tend to disintegrate ... It will be a little while before we look at the Notting Hill Carnival the same way as we do Morris dancing." But one thing is certain. Sooner, rather than later, we will.

#### A WORLD WHERE NEWS TRAVELLED SLOWLY

# The year's best poem?

Lavinia Greenlaw's poem, published here today – National Poetry Day – last night won the Forward prize for the year's best poem. The writer is poet-in-residence at the law firm Mischoo de Reya.

It could take from Monday to Thursday and three horses. The ink was unstable, the characters cramped, the paper tore where it creased. Stained with the leather and sweat of its journey, the envelope absorbed each climatic shift, as well as the salt and grease of the rider who handed it over with a four-day chance that by now things were different and while the head had to listen, the heart could wait.

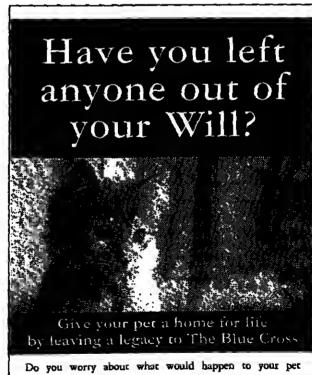
Semaphore was invented at a time of revolution; the judgement of swing in a vertical arm. News travelled letter by letter, along a chain of towers, each built within telescopic distance of the next.

The clattering mechanics of the six-shutter telegraph still took three men with all their variables added to those of light and weather, to read, record and pass the message on.

Now words are faster, smaller, harder ... we're almost talking in one another's arms.

Coded and squeezed, what chance has my voice to reach your voice unaltered and then to leave no trace?

Nets tighten across the sky and the sea bed. When London made contact with New York, there were such fireworks City Hall caught light. It could have burned to the ground.



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# Greenspan's warning shakes markets world-wide

Alan Greenspan went out of his way yesterday to remind US financial markets that the boom cannot last. The Fed Chairman's unexpected remarks shook Wall Street, where they were read as an early warning of higher interest rates.

Diane Coyle and David Usborne report on a day of pandemonium in the financial markets.

As a reaction to a statement of the obvious, it was dramatic. The Dow Jones index plunged 115 points to 8,062, a 2 per cent fall, and the benchmark longterm Treasury bond shed almost 2 full points in price within minutes of testimony by the Federal Reserve Chairman yesterday.

Wall Street regained some of its poise later, recouping some of its losses. But Alan Greenspan rattled the financial markets world-wide as he repeated his fears that the continuing optimism about the US economy may be gravely overstated.

In London the FTSE 100 mdex ended nearly 44 points lower at 5,262.1, and gilts fell sharply. Nerves were already slightly frayed as traders waited for the Bank of England's decision on interest rates, due at noon today, even though most analysts expect no change.

Mr Greenspan, speaking before a committee of the House of Representatives yesterday, said the US economy had been on an "unsustainable track". He also warned that it would be "unrealistic" to expect the stock market to carry on climbing at its recent pace.

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a fresh warning that Mr Greenspan may soon increase interest rates to prick what he views as a dangerous financial bubble, marked by the climbing equity market.

With the tenth anniversary of the 19 October 1987 crash. when Wall Street fell 23 per cent in a single day, looming ominously, Mr Greenspan focused on the increasingly tight US jobs market. He expressed the fear that an unemployment rate below 5 per cent must inevitably lead at some point to wage presures that would fuel inflation.

"There would seem to be emerging constraints on potential labour input," he said. "If the recent 2 million plus annual pace of job creation were to continue, the pressures on wages ... could escalate more rapidly." And echoing comments he made last December about "irrational exuberance" on Wall Street, Mr Greenspan again suggested that the pace of growth in stock prices will not he sustainable.

"It clearly would be unrealistic to look for a continuation of stock market gains of anything like the magnitude of those recorded in the past couple of years," Mr Greenspan said.

"In equity markets, continual upward revisions of longterm corporate earnings expectations have driven priceearnings ratios to levels not often observed at this stage of an economic expansion."

The shock of his testimony as all the greater because it had been hilled as a general overview of the economy with little news value. While Mr Greenspan may be hoping that his comments alone may help to cool some of the ardour for

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The remarks were taken as stocks, many economists took them as a clear warning that at its next meeting, the Fed might feel obliged to raise rates.

"He has gone out of his way deliberately to give the markets a fright," said Ian Shepherdson of HSBC Markets in New York. "He is ready to put his mon-

ey where his mouth is," suggested David Jones of Aubrey Langston. "He is ready to tighten money conditions and I think that is the essential change we are seeing today."

The Fed has not altered monetary policy since it raised US rates marginally last March. Since then, however, the momentum in economic growth and market escalation has shown no signs of fading.

The unemployment rate, for example, has remained at levels lower than at any time in the past 25 years. Mr Greenspan said there were not enough working-age people in America to meet demand for labour at the current pace. "The law of supply and demand has not been repealed."

knowledged that, as yet, there have been no signs of any pickup in inflation or indeed in wage costs. The latter, he said, was in part because of the effect of the strengthened exchange rate of the dollar as well as a continuing unwillingness in the workforce to demand wage increases because of lingering insecurity about jobs.

"The force insecurity may be fading," the chairman said, however. "A re-emergence of inflation is, without, question, the greatest threat to sustaining what has been a balanced economic expansion virtually without parallel in recent decades." Outlook, page 23



The Fed chairman ac- Alan Greenspan: The Federal Chairman's remarks were seen as an early warning of a rise In US interest rates

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## Eagle Star forced to top up endowment mortgages

Eagle Star, the life assurer, is promising to compensate thousands of customers whose endowment policies are likely to fall short of paying off their mortgages.

Andrew Verity examines what may be a widescale problem for the

Eagle Star is to top up unitlinked endowment mortgages for thousands of its customers hecause its charges have been much higher than policyholders were led to believe.

The company believes that other life offices will have to follow suit. A spokesman said: The vast majority of the life offices are in a similar position. Expenses were higher than policyholders were shown when they bought the policies."

In a move which is likely to cost the company millions of pounds, Eagle Star has written to customers admitting that high charges mean many customers will have less than they need when their endowment

The consolidation of Britain's

fragmented furniture retail

market took a step forward yes-

terday when H&C Furnishings

made an agreed £48m offer for

moves which have seen Allders

and Furniture Village snap up

parts of the collapsed Maples

empire. H&C Furnishings, in

which the Carpetright chief,

Lord Harris of Peckham, has a

significant stake, was formed

through the merger of the pri-

vately owned Harveys Group

The deal will give the en-

and Cantors last year.

The deal follows other

the rival Kingsbury Group.

The company is using its own funds to boost the amount going in to unit-linked endowment policies, savings policies linked to stock market assets which are designed to pay off a mortgage when they come to

Whereas Eagle Star usually invests £100 for every £100 of contribution, it will invest up to £170 tn correct the problem. The rescue operation is thought to be designed to pre-empl more drastic action later should industry regulators intervene.

Tens of thousands of homeowners who took out unit-linked endowment policies in the late 1980s and early 1990s with other life companies could also face shortfalls in the amount needed to pay off their mortgages.

The problem stems from controversial ways of showing how much the life office would take out of policyholders' savings in expenses and by how much their savings would grow.

Lautro, which regulated the industry until 1994, dictated that all providers had to show potential buyers a standard set of charges to take a policy. These were much lower than almost all life offices charged.

Life offices also tended to assume optimistic returns from investments. Premiums depended

H&C Furnishings to buy Kingsbury for £48m

larged H&C 380 stores and cat-

apult it to number three in

Britain's £6.9bn furniture mar-

ket behind MFI and DFS. Rod

Templeman, H&C's managing

director, pointed out that more

than half the market was still

held by independents, "We be-

lieve the market will consolidate

and this deal puts us at the fore-

deal was tikely to achieve more

than the £2m of annualised sav-

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Northampton, which employs

Kingsbury's head office in

Mr Templeman said the

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on how much investments grew. Higher returns suggest lower premiums, giving the life office a competitive advantage.

Nigel Webb, marketing director at Equitable Life, said: "The danger is with these products that people want to pay the lowest premium. But it could bave a lower premium because in fact it is making a more optimistic assumption about investment growth." Life assurers Legal & Gen-

eral and Guardian Financial Services, said yesterday they were reviewing their endowment policies. Legal & General admits a "small minority" of policyholders may need to be told of a mortgage shortfall.

Endowment providers sold more than 500,000 unit-linked endowments every year until

Eagle Star claims that when the policies were sold, all hut one office, Equitable Life, had expenses which were higher than the standard rates they were forced to use by Laulro.

Some companies used their own charges to work out how much in premiums a company would have to pay. But others, such as Scottish Widows and Standard Life, felt pressured into offering lower premiums than other offices.

more than 100 people, will be

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Kingsbury's plans to open six

new stores will continue while

H&C will open a further 15

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Furnishings shares rose 24.5p

to 279.5p. Kingsbury shares

put on 26.5p to 200p.

The Kingsbury outlets will

H&C's offer is 185p per

#### RBoS deal boosts pressure for unified cash machines

Royal Bank of Scotland yesterday introduced a card that can be used to get money from cashpoints at every bank and building society in the UK free of charge. Andrew Verity reports that the move, which will give customers access to more than 22,000 cash machines, puts pressure on the other high street banks to respond.

Royal Bank of Scotland (RBoS) yesterday announced it had signed a deal with Link, the building society cashpoint network, which gives the bank's 2.5 million customers access to all Link machines.

RBoS described the deal as the "final piece of the jigsaw". allowing its customers to use the UK's entire cashpoint network.

Harry Hay, the bank's head of cashline network development, said: "This underlines the bank's commitment in continuing to provide a first-class customer service and is very much a result of listening to all cash machine card holders.

"Our research shows that

people want to be able to access their cash as simply and conveniently as possible. However, it has shown that very few know where they can use their cash cards and often shy away from machines they are unsure of to avoid the embarrassment of the card being rejected."

RBoS, which has just 1,300 cashpoints of its own, aiready has arrangements with all the traditional banks offering cashpoint networks. The arrangement also applies in reverse customers from any bank or building society can now use an RBoS machine.

A survey by Mori, commissioned by the bank, showed that 77 per cent of all age groups. and 92 per cent of those under 35, wanted to be able to use any cashpoint. Cashpoints were the most popular service a bank could offer, the survey said.

RBoS's move will exert pressure on other banks and building societies which have resisted customer pressure to

bring their networks together. The UK is the only place with a cash machine network where bank customers cannot use any cash machine, a facility known in the US as "universal reciprocity".

Most Lloyds Bank and Bar-

clays Bank customers can use neither Midland nor NatWest cash machines because of a reluctance by the big banks to come to an agreement on how much they must charge each other to serve rivals' custom A Midland spokesworth

said the main obstruction to a combined network was the issue of charges. Unless customers could use another cash point free of charge, they did not want a larger network, she said. A Lloyds Banks spokes-

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tomer demand for access to more machines at the moment." Some former huilding societies on the Link network, such as Halifax, charge their customers if they use a cashpoint

woman said: "There is no cus-

machine at a smaller bank such as Woolwich. Many new cashpoint cards at English high street banks are attached to the Cirrus network. This gives access to oth-

er networks, but for a fee. Some observers believe it at behind the reluctance of the evo biggest networks, Midland/ Nat West and Lloyds TSB/Barclays, is a belief that they can gain more by promoting their cashpoint network as larger than their rivals' than by offer-

ing an integrated network.

#### **Byatt warns of clampdown** on water firms' dividends

The water industry regulator yesterday gave the clearest warning yet that he intends to clamp down on companies' dividends in order to deliver lower prices to customers

His comments came as new figures showed the industry still falling behind its investment targets. Michoel Harrison reports.

lan Byatt, the director-general of water services, yesterday warned the privatised water companies that returns on capital would be stripped to "the minimum that investors demand to induce them to invest in the industry".

His comments, at a confer-

ence in central London, are the clearest indication yet that the price review he is preparing for 1999 will lead to a sharp oneoff reduction in hills for the country's 23 million domestic water users.

Mr Byatt also indicated that water companies in some parts of the country might not be allowed to raise their prices in subsequent years - nnlike the present regulatory regime which allows them to pass on the costs of heavy investment programmes to consumers.

"An initial reduction in prices is essential to this review. Otherwise companies would be left with high profits which could lead again to the argument that high profits could finance even more investment, and the complaint that instead of ploughing back profits, the companies had dissipated

He was speaking as Ofwat's latest report on capital inve 1ment by the water industry revealed that spending in the last two years was 14 per cent helow the levels expected. Although capital investment

in 1996/97 was 22 per cent up on the previous year at £3.2hn. a number of companies had not invested the amounts assumed when the current set of price cootrols were devised. Although service to cus-

tomers had continued to improve, the report shows that some companies had not invested sufficiently to improve standards of sewage treatment. Mr Byatt also said he was concerned about whether the idends being paid to shareholders were sustainable.

"I will be resetting price limits in two years time and this report gives trends and pointers to the way ahead," he added.

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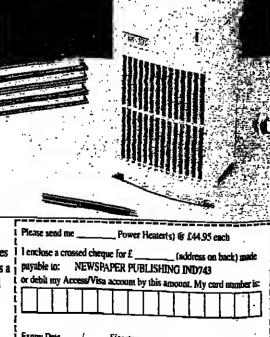
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# Alan Greenspan; this time it's serious

Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, rarely gets quoted entirely accurately on anything. So it was perhaps inevitable that his uncontentious observation vesterday that it was not realistic "to look for a continuation of stock market gains of anything like the magnitude of those recorded in the past couple of years" should have become distorted on some of the more unreliable news wires to the bald assertion that stock prices were "unrealistically high". Plainly, there is a world of a difference.

All the same, what he actually did say was sobering enough. Mr Greenspan's normally delphic testimony to the US House of Representatives was, for a change, unambiguous. Mr Greenspan is not a believer in the "new paradigm", the theory that the US has abolished the business cycle, that the economy is on a sustainable glide path of low inflation and high growth out into the indefinite future. Mr Greenspan is far too wise an old bird to call the theory so much hooey; the American public doesn't like to hear that kind of thing. But he might

Choosing his words carefully, Mr Greenspan said: "Short of a marked slowing in the demand for goods and services and hence, labour - or a degree of acceleration of productivity growth that appears unlikely - the imbalance between the growth in labour demand and the expansion of potential labour supply of recent years must eventually erode the current state of inflation quiescence, and with it the solid growth of real activity". What he

is saying here is that to head off inflationary pressures in the US economy, the Fed needs to slow the demand for labour. The only way it can do this is in time honoured fashion - by raising interest rates.

Mr Greenspan was less clear on timing, but a small rise in rates when the Fed's upen markets committee meets next month now looks highly likely. What will this do to the markets? When Mr Greenspan warned of "irrational exuberance" in financial markets last December, they took not a blind bit of notice. Since then the Dow Jones Industrial average has risen a further 3t per cent. On that occasion, however, there was nothing in the way of action to halt the rise in asset valuations, only words. This time round be looks intent on going further by pricking the bubble with a rise in rates.

Furthermore, regardless of whatever action the Fed takes, the implication of what Mr Greenspan is saying here is quite bearish. Financial markets have priced in an optimistic outlook, he said. One characteristic of this process is a continual upward revision of longer term corporate earnings forecasts which has driven price earnings ratins to levels never before seen at this stage of the economic cycle.

Running parallel to this has been a marked increase in the perceived rate of return for new business ventures which in turn is leading to a sharp increase in capital investment. In other words, we have bere all the elements of a dangerous speculative spiral, Mr Greenspan would not want the market to crash. But he is saying as plainly as he can; cool it, or we will all be sorry.

#### United gives the Internet a plug

When Sir Desmond Pitcher embarked on his madeap scheme to create the ultimate multi-utility, the joke was that it would only be a matter of time before he began offering a telephone service down the same line as water, electricity and gas.

Life sometimes imitates fiction and that is what is about to happen at United Utilities. Not content with proving that water and electricity mix about as well as the executive chairman does with his chief executives, the company is about to throw another utility into the mix. Next year United Utilities plans to start a pilot trial linking customers of Norweb to the Internet via their domestic electricity supply. Even if you can get over the (electric) shock of it, the thought of connecting to the World Wide Web in this way still sounds farfetched. Pick up the iron and make that call.

Norweb is certain the technology works and has got a fistful of worldwide patents to prove it. Moreover, it has the backing of Nortel, one of the world's biggest telecom equipment groups. Isolate the electrical noise that causes power cables to interfere with communications signals, and low voltage electricity cables lurn into the perfect local area network for broad band data transmission. The possibilities are endless - CD quality audio, video clips and high-speed gaming, all delivered via the meter under the stairs.

Where the strategy looks dangerously like falling apart is in the marketing. A quarter of households may now possess a personal computer, if you believe the propaganda, but just 2.5 per cent are linked to the Internet. To make the idea pay its way, the men from Norweb have to persuade 10 per cent of its 2 million customers to connect to the Internet viz its cables, which looks like a hopelessly tall order.

Undaunted they dream of the day when customers will literally be able to connect to the Internet by plugging a three pin plug into the wall. Now if Sir Des could arrange for the water and gas to be piped in that way too ...

#### Why Smiths will have to look again

WH Smith has made two serious misjudgements in the last week's stand-off with Tim Waterstone. It thought that if it told him to go away and forget his ludicrous proposals, he would shrug his shoulders and go home. The company underestimated the determination that almost two

decades of rancour can engender. It has also misjudged the willingness of its owners to turn a blind eye to a truly pathetic share price performance since last summer. Since August last year, the shares have fallen by 23 per cent, under-it can carry on as if nothing had happened.

performing the rest of the market in that time by over 40 per cent. Blithely to reject all proposals in these circumstances suggests wholly unjustified arrogance.

It is hardly surprising that investors have been willing this week to do what Richard Handover and friends have resolutely refused to - sit down with Mr Waterstone and hear what he has to say. It is no less surprising that many of them have subsequently picked up the phone and told the company to get its act together and do the same.

There is little doubt that the proposals as reported offer rather more to Mr Waterstone and SBC Warburg than to shareholders, and they should and will be improved. In any circumstances, a premium for control of perhaps 30 per cent is reasonable - after such dramatic underperformance it is a bare minimum.

The acquisition of Daisy & Tom for an undefined but probably inflated figure also looks silly, even though it may have been no more than a ruse by SBC to get Mr Waterstone on board. Furthermore, the warrants look a pretty generous reward for plan which is hardly rocket science.

For the risk averse fund manager, the final straw for the Warburg plan as presented is the way it combines the retailcr's inherent operational gearing with a sizeable slice of financial leverage as well.

So the plan needs changing. Having sounded out shareholders, the Waterstone camp is now in a position to put something more realistic on the table. Only that will make Smiths drop its ridiculous pretence that

### Investors press WH Smith to meet Waterstone

Institutional pressure yesterday continued to drive WH Smith to a meeting with its would-be chief executive,

Tim Waterstone. Tom Stevenson, Financial Editor, reports on the high-stakes poker game between the retailer and its ambitious nemesis.

A meeting between Tim Waterstone and WH Smith's board moved closer yesterday after some of the retailer's higgest shareholders told the company they disagreed with its takeover proposals.

It also emerged that the Waterstone camp, together with its advisers at SBC Warhurg Dillon Read, were prepar-

ing a compromise proposal that would attempt to soothe investors' concerns about the level of barrowings proposed for Mr Waterstone's takeover vehicle.

The takeover team is also understood to be preparing a more flexible position on what has emerged as a further sticking point with a number of shareholders, the valuation attributed to Mr Waterstone's private retail concept, Daisy & Tom, which would be taken over by WH Smith as part of

ment between the two sides and have approached the company or its broker, Cazenove, to insist a meeting should take place. Jeremy Hardie, the chairman of Smiths, who has remained silent on the proposals since they

were rejected, is thrught likely to be a prominent figure in the

WH Smith restated its rejection of Mr Waterstone's proposals yesterday and said it had no intention of meeting with its former employee, Despite the rising groundswell of opinion against its stance, the company has refused to deviate from its line that Mr Waterstone's proposals offer nothing worth discussing. Mr Waterstone approached

Mr Hardie 10 days ago with proposals that would see him Up to one-half of WH --replace Richard Handover as: Smith's top investors are chief executive of the stathought to favour a rapproche- tionery, music and books retailer. He believed he was involved in confidential talks until a pre-emptive rejection by the retailer last Thursday put the hid on to the back foot.

The SBC Warburg-devised plan would have seen around company to fund a 200p handout to sharebolders, the sale of the Our Price record chain and WH Smith's US operations, and a radical overhaul of the core high street chain.

Institutions seen by the Waterstone team this week are understood to have been interested in the planned changes, but some have expressed concern about an injection of debt that would see gearing rise to about 80 per cent of shareholders' funds. They are also concerned that Daisy & Tom, from one shop on London's King's Road, is to be acquired in exchange for too big a shareiding in the new company

Although Warburgs believes the injection of £600m of borrowings would create the most efficient capital structure for the cash-generative retailer, it

£600m of debt taken on by the is thought to be drawing up a new proposal which would see less than 200p a share being handed back to shareholders. It is also looking at plans to make any acquisition of Daisy & Tom less reliant on an upfront payment and more on an earnout which would only cost

concept proved successful. Not all WH Smith's sharebolders were enthusiastic about change. One leading investor said he retained doubts about the bookseller's ability to run a husiness of WH Smith's size. which recently started trading. He welcomed the approach, however, for the galvanising effect it was likely to have on the company's new management.

The retailer's shares closes 5.5p lower yesterday at 386p, hut are trading around 20p higher than before Mr Waterstone's approach was publicised.

## Entergy gets approval for new gas-fired power station

The Government yesterday gave the goahead for another gasfired power station, further increasing the WH Smith shareholders if the pressure on the coal industry as it fights to retain its share of the electricity generating market, writes Michael

> Entergy, the US utility that took over London Electricity last year, has been given permission and Industry to build the £390m plant at Damhead Creek, 30 miles east of London on the Thames estuary.

The 740-megawatt gas sta-

Harrison.

tion will burn the equivalent of tion 36 consent for construction 1.75 million tonnes of coal equal to the output of one large colliery.

The approval for the station follows National Power's announcement earlier this week that it is to construct a £450m gas-fired station on a site near

That plant, built on the site of a former coal-fired station, will cut demand for coal by about 3.5 million tonnes. : Entergy already has ap-

proval to construct a 1,200megawatt station in Hull, Yorkshire.

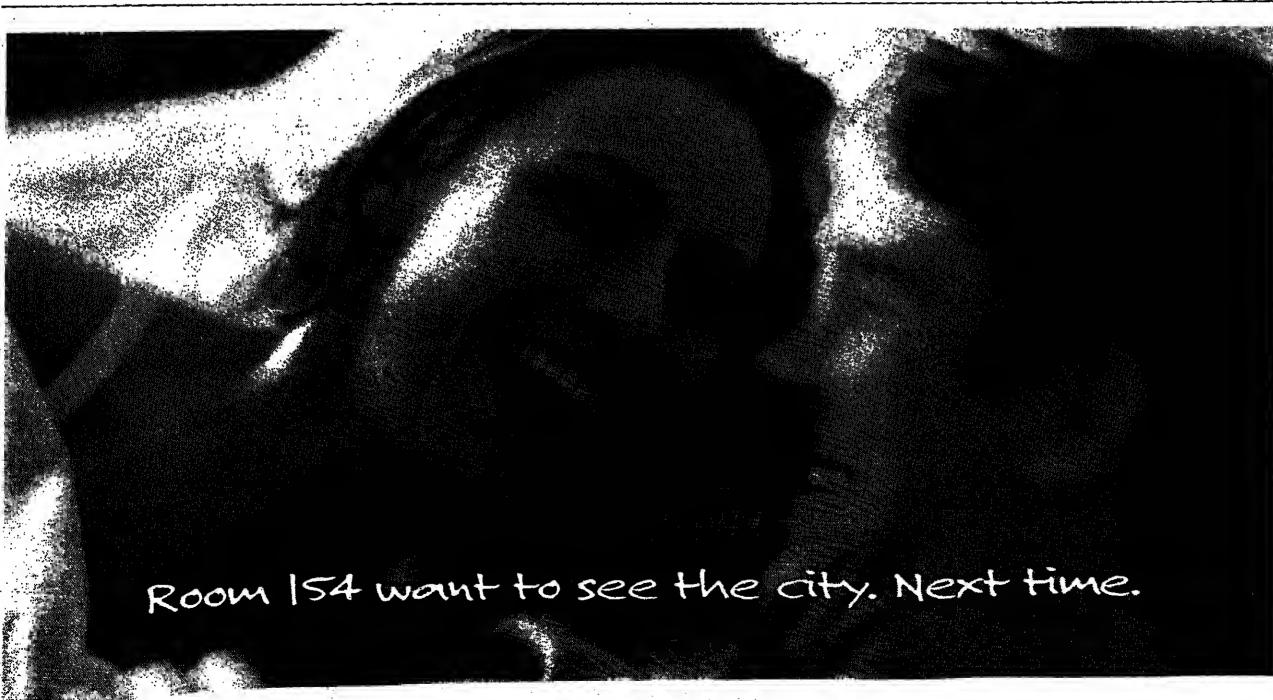
head Creek plant will start in April of next year and the station is due to come on stream

The DTI has issued a Sec-

of the plant - the second such authorisation it has granted since Labour came to power in ∌-ry b

There had been hopes that the change of government would spell a more friendly approach to the coal industry but ministers appear to be keener of making sure Britain meets its environmental commitments to cut carbon dioxide gases than to protect coal-mining communities.

Terry Ogletree, president of Entergy Power Development Corporation, said that the liver higher output at the same time as lower environmental emissions than conventional



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## Sleepy Kids seeks new MD to revive merchandising

Sleepy Kids, the embattled animation company which owns the rights to 'Budgie the Helicopter', has bowed to pressure to beef up the management team, Cathy Newman reports.

Shares io Sleepy Kids bave fallen to 14p from a high of 117p three years ago. Now, the husband and wife team that fouoded the company in 1985 is taking action to show the City they mean husiness by searching for a managing director for their merchandising husiness, one of the group's most important divisions.

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mined trawl through the industry, no takers for the post have yet been found.

Martin Powell, the company's chairman, said yesterday the new recruit would "exploit the properties we own", which include The Disguisables, an action adventure series for children, and Dr Zitbag's Transylvania Pet Shop.

Mr Powell, who is running the merchandising division with his wife, said: "We're going to want a particular individual to take the reins. There are five or six strong candidates."

Sleepy Kids has come under increasing pressure from shareholders after falling profits and a series of problems with its core product, Budgie, which

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However, despite a deter- was created by the Duchess of York. The company became embroiled in a \$22m (£14m) legal battle with Budgie's marketing agents earlier this year. and ITV failed to commission a fourth series of the cartoon. Fox Children's Network has also axed the series.

> Sleepy Kids is reportedly seeking bidders for Budgic to raise cash for oew projects. Mr Powell said yesterday be could never rule out disposing of assets, hut there were no plans to sell Budgie at the moment.

> Profits for the 14 months to December 1996 slid to £292.000, from £890,000 the year before. Mr Powell blamed a delay in completing a deal to distribute Budgie videos in the United States.

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#### Stagecoach to order 515 buses

Stagecoach Holdings, the train and bus company run by Brian Souter, said vesterday that it was planning to order 515 buses for 1998 at a cost of £50m. This follows an order worth £89m last November for 625 buses. Stagecoach said the new fleet would include a "standardised range of low-entry, easily accessed vehicles, including midibuses, singledeck and double-deck buses." A spokesman added: "Following this order, the average age of our UK fleet will be approximately seveo years against an estimated industry average of 10 years." He said suppliers for the latest order include MAN, Trinity Holdings's subsidiary Dennis Specialist Vehicles, Volvo, Mercedes-Benz and Mayflower Corporation's bus-making arm Walter Alexander.

#### Triplex rejects mystery bidder

Triplex Lloyd, the engineering group, said it had rejected takeover overtures from a mystery hidder. The company said that takeover discussions had takeo place, but they "were unlikely to lead to an offer capable of being recommended to shareholders". Some analysts now expect a bostile bidder for the embattled engineer to emerge.

#### **BCH** seeks London listing

Vehicle management company BCH is to list on the London Stock Exchange. BCH, which in 1996 recorded operating profits of £2.7m oo sales of £46.5m, is to seek listing via a share placing, scheduled for November. HSBC Investment Bank is sponsoring the flotation, which will be hrokered by Panmure Gordon & Co.

#### Frogmore profits rise 65%

Frogmore Estates, the British property developer, saw year-end profits soar to £25.6m yesterday, an increase of 65 per cent. Total dividends rose to 20p a share. Profits were helped by a significant contribution from County Hall, former home of the GLC, and demand in London generally was strong. Chairman Dennis Cope said he was looking to the future "with confidence". The shares rose 5p to close at 562.5p.

#### IMI pays £86m for valve maker

Engineering group IMI is to buy German valve maker Herion-Werke for £86m. The deal, announced yesterday, will take IMI's gearing to 70 per cent. Nick Paul, IMI's deputy chief executive, said that there were opportunities for "sales and product synergies".

#### THE INVESTMENT COLUMN

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#### N Brown fall not as bad as it seems

N Brown, the Manchester-based mail order group, bas been one of the most reliable performers in the retail sector over the past few years.

So it was surprising to see the sbares dip yesterday on news of a fall in operating margins in the first balf. Though that ratio slipped to 12.8 per

cent compared to 13.4 per cent in the first half last year, the news was not nearly as bad as first appeared. Though the 12.4 per ceot increase in

first-balf profits to £18m did not match the 19 per cent sales increase, the reasons were more about investing in future growth thao short-term problems. Net margios were affected by a sig-

nificant and planned increase in the number of new customers attracted to the group's raft of catalogues.

New customers are loss-making for the group in the first year as their speod is low compared to more seasoned shoppers. They only start to become profitable in years two or three, so seeds sown now will be reaped in 1998-99.

Second, the company now fulfils around 30 per cent of its deliveries via its own couriers, which gives it greater cootrol, but has come at a cost of

Like-for-like group sales rose by an impressive 19 per cent on last year, Curnot been so good, but that includes a flat

With British folks only replacing their bed once in 15 years on average and prices static at around £300 for an average double, the UK bed market has little room to grow. That said, after a downturn in the 1990s, rising consumer spending means the market is now bouncing back. Silentnight achieved an impressive 13 per cent rise in bed sales in the last quarter, boosted by post election confidence, to give an overall 9.4 per cent lift at the balf year.

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However, Bill Simpson, chief executive, says Silentnight's UK larninated cahinet division, currently 30 per cent of group turnover, is the key to long-term growth. Assembled laminated furniture is cheaper than solid wood and as technology improves increasingly popular. Silentnight has around half the UK market and has been growing cabinet sales at some 15 per cent a year for the past six years.

Consolidation among UK furniture retailers - witness yesterday's H&C bid for Kingshury - will benefit the big players. Silentnight, with cash io the bank, will uodouhtedly he looking to buy up casualties from that trend. It has already picked up cabinet business Meredew on the cheap. Though still loss-making, the husiness is recovering and adds valuable

The failure of a US furniture retailer hit Sileotnight's US bed profits, but that is a one-off and cautious expansion into a strong US market will continue. Analysts forecast £16m for the full year. On 13.5 times, the shares, down 17.5p to 315p rent trading since the end of the half bas after a strong run on Tuesday, look reasonable value.

N.Brown: At a gl Market value; £602.2m, share pri					
Trading record	1995	1996	1997	96/97	97/98
Turnover (2m)	208.2	230.8	280.5	131.4	156.2
Pre-tax profits (2m)	26.5	31.2	37.1	16.0	18:0
Earnings per share (p)	12.3	14.4	17.0	7.35	8,43
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two weeks as a result of the shopper apathy which followed the death of Diana. Princess of Wales.

Other mail order groups are understood to have experienced the same. N Brown's sales have recovered in the three weeks since the death.

Jim Martin, N Brown's chief executive, is continuing his strategy of recruiting more shoppers in the 30 to 40-year age range to the catalogues whose core constituency has historically heen the over 50s.

The younger group now accounts for 19 per cent of group sales, 29 per cent ahead on last year. The company is also investing £20m this year on warehouse expansion and computer upgrades.

No acquisitions are on the horizon. the company says, though a return to the Freemans deal is always possible if the competition authorities block Littlewoods' purchase from Sears.

On full-year forecasts of £42m the shares, down 5p to 412.5p yesterday, trade on a forward ratio of 21 times.

That is a 20 per cent premium to the market, but given the shares were rated at a 40 per cent premium a year ago, they are starting to look good value.

#### **Beds do better** for Silentnight

Which way are investors in the UK's bedmaking market to turn? As vesterday's announcements clearly show, the two biggest players, Silentnight and Airsprung, are having very different experiences. While Airsprung warned its half-year results would fall substantially helow expectations, stripping 27 per cent off its share price, Silentnight, the UK's biggest bed and laminated furniing interim profits to August almost a the company's prospects look bright. fifth higher at £6m,

Airsprung's problems look very specific. While its heds business remains comfortable, Airsprung flagged up serious management shortcomings and quality problems at a couple of recently acquired companies. That Icaves Silentnight as a more reliable hellwether of the UK furniture market and a far better bet for investors.

#### Goldsmiths extends its chain

On the face of it, Jurek Piasecki, head of jewellery retailer Goldsmiths, had little reasoo to smile yesterday. He revealed that the company had slipped into the red in the six months to August, with losses of just over £300,000. The group's share price closed 9p down at 331.5p.

It all seems a far cry from last year's rosy sentiment, when Goldsmiths unveiled its first profits since flotation in (1991) and said it wanted to bid for the UK jewellery businesses of Signet, the former Ratners group. But although first-half figures are undeniably grim, the true picture is not all had.

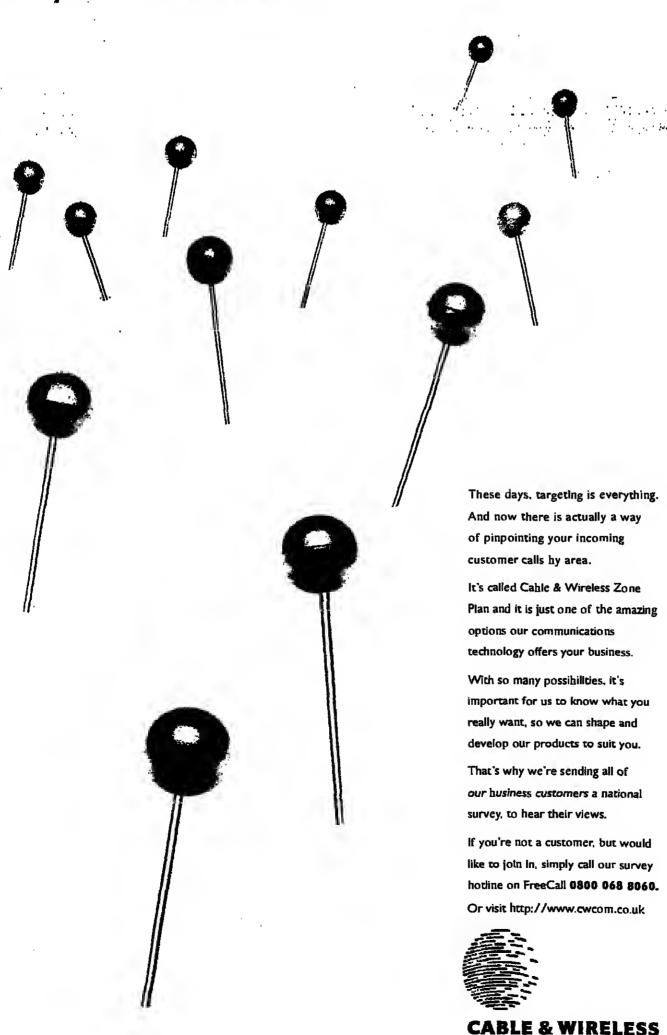
Following its disappointment with the Signet deal. Mr Piasecki decided that if Goldsmiths couldn't grow hy acquisition, it would have to grow organically. In January, he placed 1.1 million shares to raise the necessary cash. Rival Signet currently bas a far larger retail network than Goldsmiths, but Mr Piasecki is intending to beat Signet at its own game. Six sbops bave opened already this year and another nine are due for the second half. Twenty shops are scheduled for 1998 and a further 20 for 1999.

The cost of opening these new shops is one reason why first-half figures look poor. The other is that Rolex, an important source of revenue for Goldsmiths, reduced retail margins. The expansion programme should help to reduce Goldsmiths' historical dependency on Rolex as very few of the new shops are carmarked to carry this luxury line. Goldsmiths' burgeoning insurance business and a new deal with Harrods to run its diamonds departture maker, is going great guns, report- ment are further reasons to think that

Forecasts from Charterhouse Tilney put Goldsmiths on a forward priceearnings ratio of about 17, making it look expensive. Luxury watch distributor Time Products, which announced a small increase in profit yesterday, are sitting on a p/e of about 9.

But given prospects at Goldsmiths, it might be worth hanging on to the shares.

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# Greenspan comments send London markets into retreat

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Alan Greenspan, the US banking chief, sent another shiver through the stock market, abruptly ending a charge DJIA from 6,381. which seemed intent on taking Footsie to yet another peak.

wiped out the gain and sent Footsie spinning 70.5 lower; it ended off 43.5 at 5,262.1. Banks were the har Government stocks lost almost a point.

His earlier attempt to cool short-term impact. In December he created turmoil National 19.5p to 927.5p. with the Dow Jones Average 55.16 and Footsie 88.2. down. Next day the two markets ral- 977.5p as speculation contintied, shrugging off the Federal

spectacular progress with spurring the enthusiasm. Footsie op from 3,963 and the

lo his latest testimony, which had New York in ragged At one time the index was retreat from its peak during up 60.9 points. Then Mr London trading, Mr Green-Greenspan spoke. His warn- span said, perhaps not suring that the US economy may be on an "unsustainable track" to expect shares to continue to achieve the strong gains seen

Banks were the hardest hit. Gains were ubliterated. Barclays, at one time 17.5p up, went to a 75p deficit, ending down stock markets had a 45p off at 1,674.5p. HSBC fell 44.5p tn 2,098p and Abbey

Railtrack remained on the right lines with a 33.5p gain to ued about its property assets.

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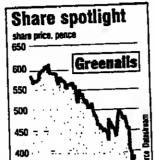
Suggestions Asda, the superstores chain had found another deal after the failure nf its get tngether with Safeway to materialise, lifted the shares 5p to 162.5p. P&O remained firm, up 17p at 714.5p, on hopes of regulatory clearance for its Stena cross -Channel link and Reckitt & Colman put on 16.5p to 1,026.5p on continuing take-

over speculation. Blue Circle Industries gained 14.5p to 390.5p with SBC Warburg repeating its 435p target.

Greenalls ended 4p (after 10p) higher at 380.5p. Talk is growing of bid action with Rank, the leisure group, replacing Allied Domecq as the

ideal partner for its own pub operation. Greenall's extensive wholesaling side could also attract Rank.

Downgradings had a predictable impact. BT fell 7p to Govett caution; British Aerospace suffered at the combined hands of Hoare Govert and Merrill Lynch, falling 50.5p to



managed pubs chain as the 1,741.5p and Imperial Chemical industries lost 12.5p to 993.5p on worries, first highlighted by Merrill Lynch, about its third-quarter profits.

Norwich Union survived the downturn, up 5.5p at 348p, 444.5p on ABN Amro Hoare on NarWest Securities support. Properties remained firm,

> grades; Pillar added a further 13p to 281.5p. sentations in Scotland, fell 7p on the £47.6m agreed bid Rolls-Royce, making preto 231p as a US seller dominated. British Biotechnology Signet's big share trade turned

fell top to 127.5p as an institution unloaded. Engineer Triplex Lloyd gained 8.5p to 223.5p although it said takeover talks had

JKX Oil & Gas, where

ther 4p to 63p and defeated bidder Ramco Energy fell

105p to 895p. Breat International, the chemical group, gained 5.5p (after 11p) to 99.5p in busy trading and Zetters, the pools group, added 11p to 111 Sp as chairman Paul Zetter implied largely reflecting HSBC up- a deal, even a reverse takeover,

was being lined up. Kingsbury, the furniture retailer, jumped 26.5p to 200p from H&C Furnishings. was also hit by a strong seller; ont to be an illusion; someone, io heavy turnover the shares somewhere, punched an incorrect deal into the system. The shares ignored it all -unchanged at 33.75p.

African Lakes, a distributor, rose 7p to 65.5p. The shares have come up from 44.5p. Someone has got the

#### TAKING STOCK

XCL, the old Exploration Company of Louisiana, flared 9.5p to 33p as stories flowed of rich oil and gas finds at Bohai Bay, off north east China. Apache, which partners XCL, is said to have described the discovery as the biggest so far this year.

Jardinerie Interiors, an office plants business, sprouted 7p to 84.5p. Takeover talk is in the air. Rentokil and Wyevale Garden Centres could be interested. JI came to market at 114p, went to 155p and then fell to 72.5p after unremarkable figures.

Tension is growing over order-driven trading but Royalbine, one of the software providers, has no complaints. The shares rose 11p to a 259.5p peak; they have climbed 34.5p this month. Profits are expected to be

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# The RPI may not measure 'real' inflation. It doesn't really matter



DIANE **COYLE** ON THE PROBLEMS OF PRICE INDICES

Bank of England's Monetary pooders, yesterday and today, consumer price index. what to do with interest rates, is the question of how good a ures are to "true" inflation. For there is quite a vogue for arguing that the published retail price index, eveo on the target measure excluding mortgage interest payments, shows inflation to be higher than it really is.

This is in principle distinct from the argument that the many discouot clubs. economy has entered a new era of permaneotiy low inflatioo thanks to oew computer technology. As Gavyn Davies demonstrated in his column earlier this week, this is a questiooahle assertion, as low inflatioo in receot years can he

fully explained by low growth. But in practice, the "new era" school of thought shores up its optimism with the idea that pears to be, because of upward biases in the price indices. The link is that one of these hiases in price measurement is the omission of rapidly falling computer prices and quality improvements.

The notion of serious mismeasurement stems from the isfy those who think the RPI social security benefits, for in-RPIY - tend to show the same bers to relax about inflation.

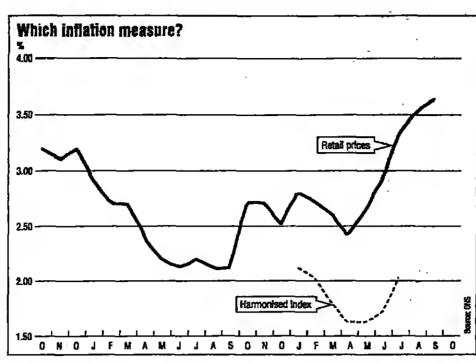
report last year of the Boskin Commission in the US. Its economists concluded that true US inflation might be as much as a full percentage point or more below the official figure. There were several reasons for this.

One was that the index was not constructed using the lower prices charged in new kinds of retail outlets, mainly discount warehouse clubs. Nor did it include new products, like computers and other electronic goods, whose prices were falling. Nor did it take account of quality improvements that delivered better value for the same price. It missed the fact that people switch away from goods whose ptices are rising too rapidly - for xample, they buy chicken if fish One of the complications the becomes too dear. In addition, the commission criticised the Policy Committee faces as it formula used to construct the US

These conclusions proved controversial, and the US has guide the published inflation figall. Meanwhile, the Office for National Statistics here has just published an assessment of how far the Boskin points apply to our Retail Price Index. The conclusion is: not very much. The RPI is based on a different formula. The UK does not have

Just as important, the goods included in the RPI and the hecause of a revolutionary weights attached to them are improvement in productivity updated every year on the basis of a survey of family spending patterns carried out the previous year, whereas the basket of goods in the US CPI has been updated only once a decade.

This year's RPI basket is based on 1995/96 spending patterns. The ONS has looked back at how different measured inflation would have been inflation is even lower than it ap- if the updating had been even faster. During recent years they found it to be only 0.06 to 0.07 percentage points, less than half the hias in the US figures the Boskin Commission attributed to this source.



fore makes the Bank reach for the interest rate trigger too early. For the index excludes seeing the fastest price falls and biggest quality improvements computers. The reason is that measuring their price and quality has simply been too difficult.

However, the ONS has started publishing a separate price index designed to be compatible with how inflation is measured in the rest of the European Union. This figure, the "harmonised index of consumer prices" or HICP, includes computers and, almost as troublesome because of their rapidly improving quality, new cars. As the chart shows, for the duration of its short existence, inflation measured by the HICP has been significantly lower than inflation measured by the RPL

But does this make the case that inflation is "really" low and the Bank of England has nothing to worry about? Measures of price changes are needed for

**Interest Rates** 

overstates inflation and there- stance, an index which includes computers would probably be inappropriate, as the poorest families and pensioners huy some of the goods which are very few of them. The Bank's interest in inflation is as an indicator of whether or not the economy is growing at a sustainable pace. Slow and steatly inflatioo is essential as a solid platform for growth and jobs.

trends. The broader GDP de-

flator shows lower inflation be-

cause it includes import prices.

The narrower producer price

series shows lower inflation be-

cause it excludes retail margins.

But any one of these would be

suitable as a target measure. The

key decision is setting the level

of the target; and there is no con-

vincing evidence that RPI growth

of 2.5 per cent is incompatible

with steady, sustainable growth

The Bank cannot entirely

ignore the "new era" arguments.

Technological change is making

it harder to understand which

prices matter. Should the ONS

be measuring the price of books

bought at a discount over the In-

terner? How can a conventional

price index take account of the

fact that a lot of computer soft-

portant issues over time. But

there is nothing here that changes the kind of calculations

the Monetary Policy Committee

should be making this morning

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These will become more im-

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In a sense, therefore, it does not matter exactly which measure of inflation the Bank uses, for all tend to show the same broad treods. For mooth-to-mooth monitoring it is better to use figures that the statisticians can construct fairly promptly. The Government's target RPI measure excludes mortgage payments for the special reason that raising interest rates to help reduce inflatioo actually increases the headline RPI via this channel. The Bank itself would prefer also to exclude tax-related price changes on the grounds that these contain no information about the state of the economy.

But, broadly speaking, these

#### PEOPLE & **BUSINESS**

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The Government launched its new taskforce for the creative industries - media, music and televisioo - yesterday after initially anoouncing the move to a rather muted reception three months ago. There are worrying signs, however, that this latest luvvies' crusade could turn into a flat souffle.

Chris Smith, culture secretary, held the launch meeting at the Department for Culture, Media and Sport in Trafalgar Square. The luvvies, however, were nowhere to be seen. Shame on you, Richard Branson. Tut tut, David Puttnam. On the other hand, perhaps I shouldn't be too hard on the absent personalities. They were probably off doing some proper work.

Bill Simpson, chief executive of British bed maker Sileotnight, tells me Tony Blair could have done far better than buying an imported Duxiana bed for more than £3,000.

Mr Simpsoo is miffed that the PM dido't give more support to British industry by huying his bed locally: "Mr Blair could have bought a Sealy [bed] and he would have enjoyed the experience just as much."

The Silentnight boss says people in this country replace their beds on average once every 15 years whereas in the US they buy new beds every 10 years. Perhaps that's because American citizens tend to be larger.

Best wishes to Daniel Godfrey, marketing director of Flemings, who fell off his 1500cc Kawasaki motorbike, "I had to spend several hours in casualty - I had a couple of cracked ribs and rather a large hole in my left leg," our hero tells me. The hike was hardly damaged but he won't be riding it again. Now he's interesting himself in safer pursuits, such as helping launch Flemings' Eastern Europe Fuod on 18 October.

senior European media analyst, is moving to Margaret Thatcher.

Goldman Sachs. Mr Helliwell started as a printing and paper analyst at Kleinwort Benson in 1986 before moving on to Swiss Bank Corporation and theo Capei.

Mr Helliwell will join Goldman's media team of Guy Lamming and Mathew Walker. In typical musical-chairs fashion, Mr Lamming started off at James Capel, left for Goldman, then went to SBC Warburg and last May went back to Goldman. Mr Lamming used to work alongside Neil Blackley, who left Goldman for Merrill Lynch in August last year.

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Goldman has also signed Francis Woollen, a top rated European telecoms analyst, currently at UBS.

The independent insolvency firm, Buchler Phillips, has just poached a receiver from Arthur Andersen. Andersen is the giant American firm where David Buchler and Peter Phillips used to work before they founded Buchler Phillips 10 years ago.

BP has signed up Jamie Gleave, an insolveocy practitioner at Andersen, to head up its new Manchester office. Simon Freakly, another Buchler Phillips partner and former Andersen man, admits his niche boutique has an excelleot relationship with the Chicagobased firm. "We often refer assignments to each other." But doesn't Andersen mind having its insolvency partners nicked all the time? We are friendly competitors," he replies.

It's a packed caleodar for the UK's receivers, despite the relative dearth of companies going hust. Next Wednesday the Insolvency Practitioners Association holds its annual Bernard Phillips Memorial Lecture. The lecture is named after the late Bernard Phillips, Peter Phillips' father, who was also a noted insolvency practitioner and who worked for Arthur Anderseo.

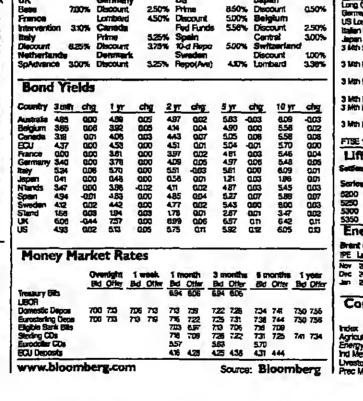
Frieodly societies are preparing to play a key role in New Labour's plans for welfare reform. So says Bob Pollard, chief executive of the Ancient Order of Foresters, who has just been elected president of the Associatioo of Friendly Societies.

Mr Pollard will be backed up by Roy Harley, chief executive of Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society, who has been elected vice

Perhaps I could take these societies more seriously if they didn't sound like Freemasons' lodges in a Monty Python sketch. I mean, what's the Manchester Society of Odd Fellows all about? To be fair, the societies' titles often date back to the 16th century. They were set up "to provide self help on a mutual basis" -- a phrase which chimes with New Labour.

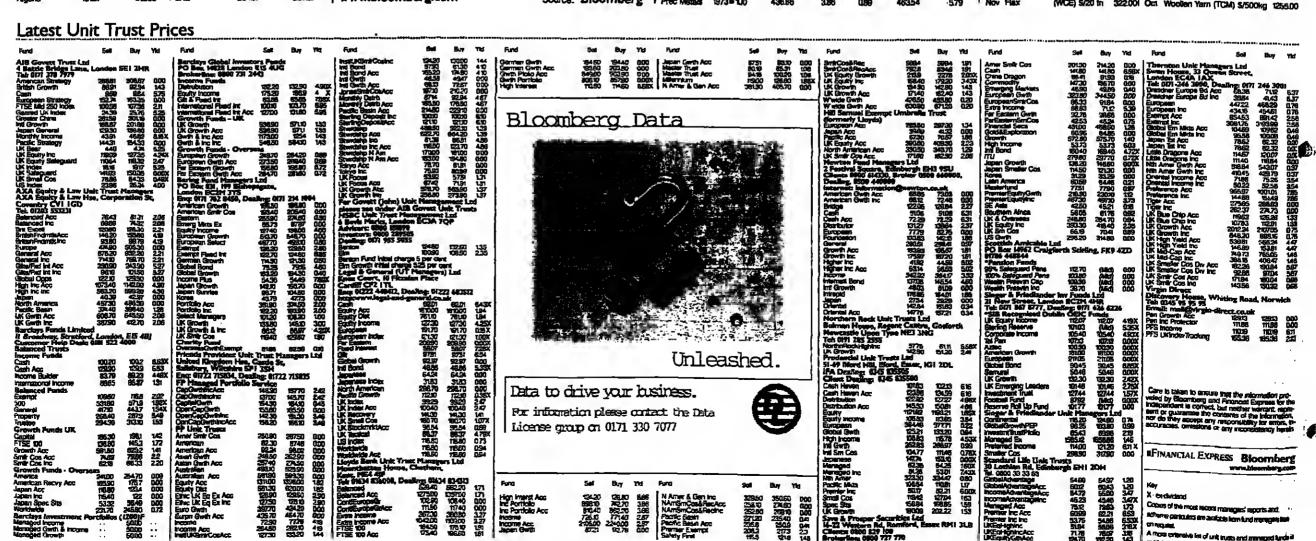
Mr Pollard says: "The Government is open to new ideas and believes that current welfare provision is not serving the poorest members of society as it should." Mr Pollard wants us to move towards a "a system that gives a hand up, oot a hand out". Those words Jonathan Helliwell, HSBC James Capel's wouldn't have been out of place coming from





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Nestlé, the international food giant, could soon be selling genetically engineered Nescafé The company looks set to link up with ForBio, an Australian plant biotechnology group which can grow caffeinefree coffee beans. UK investors could get a slice of the action when ForBio floats in the UK next year. Sameeno Ahmad reports.

Nestlé, the Swiss food giant, is expected to sign a joint venture with a plant biotechoology company, soon to float in the UK, to produce the world's first caffeine-free coffee beans. According to sources at Nestlé, the company is planning a link-up with ForBio, an Australian company specialising io plant genetics.

The deal will allow Nestlé to sell caffeine-free coffee more cheaply and with improved flavour and aroma, increasing Nestle's stranglehold oo the US \$20bn-a-year world coffee market. Nestlé makes Nescafe, the world's oumber-ooe selling instant coffee. The fast growing soluble coffee market is worth a third of the total,

ForBio, which was planning to list on the London main a stock market this year valued at around £60m, has apparently delayed its flotation plans until early next year in order to conclude the deal with Nestlé. Both Nestle and ForBio yesterday refused to comment on whether they were in discussions. ForBio, based ocar Bris-

bane and listed on the Aus-

tralian Stock Exchange, believes it can solve two of the coffee producers' higgest headaches. At present producing casseine-free costee requires expensive chemical washing of the processed beans, which also impairs their flavour and smell. Removing caffeine this way costs producers \$1bn a year io the US alone.

ForBio with its US partner Integrated Coffee Technologies Inc (ICTI), in which it has a 17 per cent stake, have discovered how to genetically after coffee plant seeds to yield caffeine-free beans.

Speaking from ForBio's offices in Woolloongabba, Queensland, Bob Mullins, head of ForBio's international operations, said large scale propagation of caffeine-free plants would be possible in two years time. Meanwhile ForBio, founded and owned by Scottish-born millionaire Bill Henderson, is collecting a breed of elite coffee plants which can ripen uniformly.

Coffee beans are found at the ceoure of the coffee plant's bright red, cherry-like fruit, the pulo of which must be removed before the coffee bean is processed. Any pulp left with the bean spoils the flavour when the bean is processed. Getting a batch of coffee plants to ripeo uniformly increases the chances of removing all the pulp. For-Bio's Rapid marker technology ideotifies plants most likely to produce superior flavoured beans, and selects plants with the

same maturation rates, Though Mr Mullins would not comment to any commercial aspects of their technology, in any deal with Nestlé, ForBio is likely to get a share of sales plus licence fees for its technology. Its partner ICTL because it owns the caffeine-



Coffee time: Caffeine-free plants would be a big advantage

free genetic technology, would sale of each plant. Once mass is likely to strike an exclusive purchasing agreement with coffee producers licensed to grow the genetically altered plants.

ForBio, which unusually for probably take a royalty on the a biotech is already profitable, is not stopping at coffee. propagation is feasible. Nestlé Genetically elite tea plants are in view. Meanwhile, in an audacious about turn, ForBio has just shipped half a million genetically improved teak plant seedlings

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grown by robot in Somerset to Malaysia. The elite teak plants flower less often than normal ones and so produce trees with more bark. ForBio is also exporting genetically altered date palms grown in England to the Middle East!

### Indonesia turns to IMF for financial rescue package

South-east Asia was facing a fresh financial crisis yesterday when Indonesia became the latest country to seek help from the IMF. It needs a rescue package to support a plunging currency and keep foreign reserves at a safe level. But the support is expected to be far lower

than the \$17bn organised

for Thailand in August.

Nigel Cope reports.

Indonesia's decision to go to the International Monetary Fund was endorsed by the country's President yesterday after a monthly economic cabinet meeting concluded outside help was essential to restore confidence in the nation's currency. The rupiah has lost over 33 per cent of its value against the US

dollar since July and over half its value in the last year. Indonesia's finance minister

Mar'ie Muhammad said: It is possible that Indonesia will While Indonesia's foreign exchange reserves remain at a safe level ... nevertheless in order to safeguard the situation, the government is sounding out long-term support funds from international institutions including the IMF."

Indonesia's appeal for a rescue package was supported by Michel Camdessus, the IMF's managing director, who said: The IMF strongly supports the approach that has been followed by Indonesia which sees this as an occasion to strengtheo its economic policies even if fundamentals are basically sound."

Teams from the IMF, World Bank and Asian Development Bank will arrive in Jakarta at the weekend to open discussions on assistance. The IMF is hoping to accelerate the rescue programme by using the procedures of its Emergency Financing Mechanism.

Dennis de Tray, the chief representative of the World Bank said of the Indooesia sitnation: "This is not a financial crisis. It is a crisis of confidence.

not have to draw oo the [rescue) package at all if confidence is restored to the economy."

Analysts said IMF support would boost confidence in Indonesia and may make it easier to reduce interest rates without damaging the currency further.

But they said the size of the programme was likely to be far less than the \$17.2bo (£10.5bn) organised for Thailand. They said that because of its much healthier foreign reserves, Indonesia may receive only betweeo \$4bo and \$6bn.

The rupiah has been in freefall since July, raising fears of widespread corporate defaults on a mountain of substantially unhedged private debt. The World Bank said a priority was to assess the scale of the Indonesia's short-term debt. The government is set to compile a list of all private loans outstanding.

Government leaders have warned of possible social unrest. remarks which political analysts said were triggered by the financial crisis and a drought.

#### PacifiCorp threatens to cut bid for Energy

PacifiCorp, the US utility hidding £3.7bo for the Energy Group, may cut the price of its offer if the Government imposes extra regulatory curbs

before approving the deal. Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, is due to receive the Monopolies and Mergers Commissioo report on the proposed takeover on 21 November. There are growing expectations that although the bid may be cleared, it will be subject to much tougher regulatory conditions. There is even talk of PacifiCorp having to offer price reductions to customers of Eastern, Energy group's regional electricity company (REC), as the price for allowing the bid to proceed.

The bid from the Oregonbased PacifiCorp in June valued Energy Group, which also owns the biggest US coal producer Peabody, at 695.5p. The

curreot share price is 651p. Mrs Beckett referred the bid against the advice of the director-general of Fair Trading John Bridgeman and the electricity regulator Professor Stephen Littlechild. The decision surprised the City since seven previous takeovers of RECs by US utilities had already slipped through. She defeoded her action, however, by saying she had concerns over whether it will be possihle to maintain adequate regulatory control over the merged

The MMC is thought to be paying particularly close atteotion to the financing of the bid which would create a group with debts of \$12bn, financed partly through junk bonds, and convectional gearing of 300

per ceot. PacifiCorp gave uodertakings before the bid was referred to ring fence Eastern so that the debt burden was takeo off its shoulders and also to provide separate regulatory

It is likely to argue against further regulatory safeguards or price concessions because the takeover will oot lead to cost savings that can be passed

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#### Brussels may ease conditions to approve BA alliance

Karel Van Miert, the European Competition Commissioner, gave the first hint vesterday that Brussels is prepared to compromise over the coocessions it is demanding in return for approving the British Airways-

American Airlines alliance. The Commission has told the two airlines that it will block the deal unless they surrender 350 take-off and landing slots at Heathrow

But Mr Van Miert said yesterday he would be prepared to reduce the figure if BA and American could convince him that the proposal was unworkable. "It's not an absolute figure. If there is good reasoo to modify it, we'll be willing to talk about it," he said.

The Commissioner also indicated that talks with the airlines were reaching a critical phase and a solution could emerge within a few weeks.

Last week, BA's chief executive, Bob Ayling, conceded that there was now no hope of getting the alliance up and running in time for oext summer. .

Meanwhile BA yesterday announced the £65m sale of its in-flight catering business at Heathrow to Swiss Air. The disposal of the division, which employs 2,000, is part of BA's global efficiency plan.

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#### IN BRIEF

#### Sorrell is top marketing earner with £2.8m

Martin Sorrell, chief executive of WPP Group, was once again the top earner in the marketing services industry last year, with a total pay packet of £2.8m, according to the annual survey by Willott Kiogstoo Smith. GGT Group's chairman and chief executive. Michael Greenlees, was awarded the biggest percentage pay rise in UK listed marketing companies. His pay rose 31 per cent to £466,000. The survey found the industry was prospering, with pre-tax profits of the top 50 groups almost doubling to £332m.

WPP, the media buyer, will today announce the creation of MindShare Asia in Hong Kong, China, Taiwan, Singapore and Thailand. The company will be formed from the merger of the media operations of J Walter Thompsoo and Ogilvy & Mather in five markets, and will have billings of over \$1bn.

#### Sky appoints movie man

BSkyB has moved to strengthen its management in the run-up to the launch of digital television by appointing Andrew Keyte to a new post of general manager, movies. Mr Keyle, who was bead of entertainment at BBC Commercial Channels, will report to Bruce Steinberg, director of movies and pay-per-view.

#### Paribas looking at BZW

French bank Paribas yesterday confirmed that it was looking at parts of investment bank BZW, put up for sale by Barclays last Friday after mooths of speculation. Paribas, along with Germany's Commerzbank and Dutch group ING Barings, had been widely touted as a potential bidder.

#### Ad agencies merge

GGT Group yesterday merged its two Loodoa advertising agencies, GGT Advertising and BSTBDDP. The move, which will create an agency with billings of £230m, followed GGT's £100m acquisition of BDDP Advertising Worldwide earlier this year. The newly merged agency will be called BDDP GGT.

#### Airsprung profits warning

Shares in furniture maker Airsprung slumped yesterday following a first-half profits warning. The company said that "serious management shortcomings and quality problems" meant that interim results would be substantially below market expectations. At one points shares were trading at 167.5p, a fail of 29 per ceot, but rallied to close at 186.5p.

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# Couple set fair for rowing Atlantic without rowing

David and Nadia Rice take to the water at Los Gigantes, Tenerife, on Sunday for what represents the greatest challenge of their lives. the first rowing race across the Atlantic. Mike Rowbottom hears why they want to take the risk.

Cleaning the cottage, taking down the hanging baskets, ordering more logs in case the children come home, cutting the lawn, cancelling the milk what else is there left for Nadia Rice to do? Oh yes. Rowing the

This Sunday she and her husband, David, both aged 50, will set off from Tenerife in a 24ft boat, bound for Barbados, some 3,000 miles away.

Just to make things more interesting, they will be in competition with 29 other intrepid pairings taking part in the of-ficially entitled Atlantic Rowing Race - the first ever.

The race was conceived by Sir Chay Blyth, who himself rowed the Atlantic with John Ridgeway in 1971, taking 94 days to cover the northern route from Cape Cod to Ireland.

The entrants - who include Olympic oarsmen Peter Haining and Rob Hamill - have each suaded me back each time." laid out around £40,000 for the privilege of taking part.

They will compete in identical boats constructed from kits. "They come in 24 flat-packs," Nadia says. "Like something out of MFL" Most reassuring.

The Rices entrusted their craft to a boatbuilding friend who constructed it for £10,000. It has been the cost, rather than any consideration of personal risk, which has come closest to putting them off their project. training centre in Wales and has



We have managed to find sponsors for around half our costs, things like travel and accommodation," David says. "But we will still be spending £20,000

of our own money to take part." Nadia says: "I considered pulling out of this race a number of times, but such is Dave's single-minded determination and self-belief that he has per-

The Rices bade farewell to friends and family recently at the cottage in Somerton, Somerset, which they share with their 15-year-old collie, now safely berthed with relatives. The reactions varied from Wish we could do it' to 'You're mad'," David says.

He is well acquainted with the type of challenge posed by the race - a former Royal Marine, he runs an adventure

completed a single-handed Transatlantic crossing.

But for Nadia, who teaches children with special needs, this is a new experience and the couple's children, Gareth and Sam - both students - have expressed surprise that their mother should be risking her neck in such an enterprise.

"We have been too excited to be frightened," Nadia says. "I think that's the nature of the race." David plays down the element of danger. "I don't think it's particularly risky," he says. "Life holds risks whatever you do. You could be run down by a bus tomorrow.

When pressed, however, he concedes that there are three main perils: "Falling over the side in rough weather, being run down by ships or being overwhelmed by a severe storm." No worries there, then.

On the comforting side is the fact that the hurricane season has finished, air temperatures are warm, and all boats are carrying satellite tracking and emergency beacons, as well as heing accompanied by two

The Rices have been practising rowing since David responded to an advertisement for the race he saw in a yachting magazine 18 months ago.

ocean racing yachts.

On the day before we set off I am sure we will both be thinking a lot about our children," David says. "But this race is going to be so demanding that once we are under way, we won't be able to concentrate

on anything else. "We will be rowing, navigating, eating, sleeping and rowing again. We won't have much time to reflect oo anyticularly awful and we are huddled in the cabin waiting for a storm to pass."

That cabin - it is just 6ft 2in mg, which will be ample for Nadia (5ft 1in) but more of a squeeze for David (5ft 10). If there are any arguments oo what promises to be a venture of around 90 days' duration, it is not as if there is a spare room to stomp off to and watch tele-

"We have been married for 26 years. I think we have become a good team. I think she would say I'm on a fairly short fuse, while I would say she's fairly tolerant," David admits.

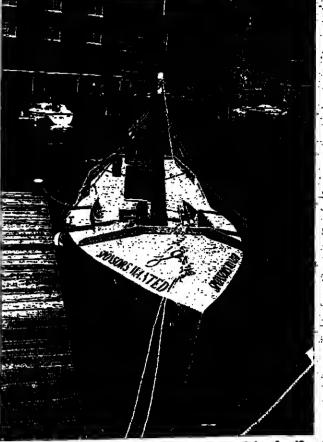
The Rices have come up with an idea of revolutionary simplicity to ensure their trip goes smoothly - a "niceness contract".

'We're both going to have to sign it before we leave,"

shouting done beforehand. It will be no holds barred for the week before."

Their boat will set off on Sunday taden with 20 days of emergency rations and 70 days of freeze-dried food - just add sea water, which will be converted to fresh water by means of a hand-operated reverseosmosis pump, at the rate of one gallon per hour. "We estimate that our water requirement will be four gallons a day," Nadia says. That should help to fill in any slack moments.

The question David has been asked most in recent weeks is: Why are you doing it? "I think," he says, "that the answer lies in a common human affliction - the need to explore. Once the start line is crossed, we are entering unknown territory.'



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The Rices (below and top left) have been training for 18 months to row their specially constructed boat (above) Main photograph: Robert Hallam across the Atlantic



#### Kirsten's fightback follows Pakistan's record day

reports from Rawalpindi South Africa 139-1

South Africa's batsmen fought back with admirable determination after they had watched Pakistan's last pair of Azhar Mahmood and Mushtaq Ahmed take their partnership to 151, which equalled the world record for the last wick-

et in Test cricket. Azhar who was 72 overnight, went on to make 128 not out in his first Test innings and Mushtag reached 59. With Ali Nagvi making 115 on Monday, this became the first time that two batsmen on the same side had made hundreds in their first Test in the same match. All this on a day when the players were presented to the Queen during the tea interval.

Both batsmen were quickly into their stride and the South Africans, who were still without Brett Schultz with his injured shoulder and who is to fly home, had no answer. Azhar set the pace, driving Allan Donald off his legs for four and hooking Shaun Pollock for another. When Pat Symoox took over with his off spin, he was also expen-

third man and now Mushtag, feeling that his main responsihility had ended, tucked into Symcox with a vengeance. One over, which included three sixes over long-oo and a sweep for four of successive balls, produced 23 runs.

Azhar took 13 in an over from McMillan and there was only five minutes to go until lunch when Mushtaq slogged and edged Hanse Cronje into his stumps. They had equalled the record for the last wicket of 151 set by Brian Hastings and Richard Collinge for New Zealand against Pakistan in Auckland in 1973.

It was desperately important for South Africa to lay a solid foundation to their innings and Gary Kirsten and Adam Bacher did just that. They saw off Wagar Younis and Azhar who, on this extremely slow pitch were no great threat. The main problems were always going to he the spin of Mushtaq and Saglain, but fortunately for the South Africans although the ball spun, the bounce on the third day was more even than had seemed likely.

Kirsten's policy was to sweep Saglain when he got the chance.

Azhar's hundred came when even though it was against the he steered Brian McMillan, spin, and to cut Mushtaq, also whose elbow had recovered, to against the spin, while Bacher was looking to come on to the froot foot to drive and after tea began to use his feet with good effect against Saqlain.

They both had their momeots, particularly against Mushtaq who was unlucky, but they got away with it. Waqar had two overs immediately after tea to see if he could do anything with his reverse swing, but both batsmen attacked him successfully and Mushtaq was

Kirsten reached his 50 just : ahead of Bacher who then faced Saqlain and, pushing forward, was caught at silly mid-off from: was caught at any man bat and pad. Jacques Kallis then managed to stay with Kirsten until the end of an extraordinary day when South Africa needed 118 more to avoid the follow on.

Mushtag Ahmed b Cro Editas (b2 lb7 nb13) ....

#### Howey's last throw at her own weight

After 10 years at the top in international judo. Kate Howey still offers Britain's best hope of a medal at the World Championships, which begin in Paris today. Philip Nickson assesses her chances.

In the official programme for the four-day world championships in Paris, which start today, Kate Howey is the only British fighter to be accorded an extended interview - which indicates the international view of Britain's chances at this event.

From the 13-member team oo one else is considered to be in the running for a medal - and certainly not for a gold or silver. means many years of pressure.

hrutal international realism. For although Kate Howey only managed a bronze in the European Championships in May, she does have the ability to beat anyone in her category. She has even arm-locked the fearsome Korean world and Olympic champion, Min-Sung Cho.

Even though Howey is only 24, she knows she is coming to the end of her chances to take the world title that just eluded her in 1993. Since then, she has come down a weight category, to the middleweight she was when, at the age of 15, she first fought for her country at senior

And there is the rub. For while 24 is not very old for judo, Howey has been fighting at the very top for over a decade, which

There is some truth in this Nevertheless she is optimistic: "I feel in top form back at this

weight now," she said. She also knows there is another reason why she must not let this opportunity slip through her fingers.

For yesterday, the International Judo Federation agreed on some major changes for the sport which will be introduced. by the World Championships in Birmingham in 1999. Most significantly, from the fighters' point of view, is the change in weight categories which will see an increase at most levels.

Howey's middleweight, for example, goes from 66 kilos to: 70kg, a small change but one that could affect Howey's chances in the future as 66kg seems to be her optimum weight.

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Last year Jonothan Lower was told he was a diabetic and would never ride again. Next week the jockey hopes to hear that after a long battle he can return to his beloved saddle. Richard Edmondson reports

With the Dewhurst, Champion Stakes and Racing Post Trophy still to come nobody really gives a fig yet about the National Hunt season. Within the winter game itself there is amnesia too about a jump jockey who has not flown over birch in anger for well over a year now.

It may well be though that Jonothan Lower is on the verge of earning an enduring ledge in racing history. The Jockey Club is expected to announce next week that the 30-year-old is to be allowed to return to the racecourse, uniquely on a restrict-

number of rides each day. Lower will be the first diabetic to ride in Britain. "I don't think they've got reason to say I can't ride" Lower said yesterday. This is history. At the beginning of this the Jockey Club were adamant they would never let a diabetic ride and now I'm hoping to show they were wrong."

Lower has been around so long that he was at Martin Pipe's Nicholashayne yard before the little trainer started limping. Like house foundations, Lower has been vital without being the most visible part of the operation.

When Peter Scudamore and Richard Dunwoody, both stable jockeys past at Pond House. have nightmares, the bere noire of their dreams inevitably has a familiar figure in the saddle. Lower has made a habit of winning big races on discards. His scroll of honour includes Sondrio (Supreme Novices' Hurdic), Kissair (Triumph Hurdle) and Sayparee (Scottish Cham-

hat-trick at the 1996 Aintree College School of Medicine. Festival which made him joint leading rider at the meeting.

Just a few months after Liverpool, however, a limb and his career were in tatters following an accident one work morning. "I broke an arm on the gallops and then two weeks later I was permanently feeling thirsty and losing weight," he said. "I didn't feel ill but I knew my body shouldn't have been like that and there was something wrong with me. They told me I had diabetes.

"It can be brought on by shock or stress, so one theory is that it could have been the shock of breaking my arm. It was a big blow when the doctor told me I was diabetic, but that was nowbere near as had as being sold that I couldn't ride because of it."

Lower resolved to fight back. Since January he has been on medical probation, establishing his capability to return to the saddle under the guidance of Stephanie Amiel, the professor ed licence that will limit the pion Hurdle). He also boasts a of diabetic medicine at King's

This week her report will bounce on the table of the Jockey Club's chief medical adviser, Dr Michael Turner. "The worry was that if my blood sugars dropped too low I could pass out, but I think I've proved over the last year that I am in control. The specialist agrees," Lower said. "I have to inject insulin and monitor my blood sugar levels. Normally it would be two injections a day, but because of the nature of what I'm doing

it's four times a day."

The trusty licutement has beco riding out seven lots a day, as well as schooling, this autump, and each moment has been preparing to get back to the racecourse. "I've missed it tremendously," he said. "It's been my life and all I wanted to do since I was a hoy, I've been going to races, saddling up, talking to owners and watching but it's not quite the same thing, especially as I've been doing all the work at home on some of the horses."



Jonothan Lower has kept up work in Martin Pipe's yard

Photograph: Les Wilson

If, as expected, Lower is re- one ride a day, a restricted liturned his licence, he will be initially accompanied to the track by Dr Turner. Later it will be the responsibilty of the course ductor to double-check the readings on the jockey's bloodsugar calculator. Whatever the result, Lower will start with just see how he copes."

cence which will also place a bottom limit on bis weight. "Each step that Jonothan has taken has not been done by anyone before." Dr Turner said yesterday. "The next stage is to get him into the racing arena and

The impression seems to be that this recovering jockey will manage most admirably. They say that National Hunt jockeys are tough men, made out of the same sort of material they employ for the hulls of icebreakers Jonothan Lower does not . let down the reputation.

#### Levy Board refutes claims that it has been caught napping

Caims that bookmakers are being allowed to trade without paying the levy were dismissed as inaccurate by the Levy Board yesterday, The National Association for the Protection of Punters (NAPP) claimed to have obtained evidence that punters' money was heing pocketed while the Board did little to halt the practice.

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RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Double Action (York 3.00) NB: Zidac (York 4.00)

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2.00 EQUITY FINANCIAL STAKES (CLASS B) £10,000 added

righth Flichard Hills on Altrair, Hadayit was her owner's second string in the May Hill States and Doncaster (stath to Midnight Line) and that looks the case again today with Hills on MULAHEN. The throe-month ebsence suggists Mulahen old not produce he beet when fourth to Altratavalal at Sundown in July, sithough he would have had to be on song to best the winner, close-up fifth to Teepor How at the Royal Lodge at Ascot. Mulahen can be given a chance to confirm the promise of his debut third behind Multathit, state at Sandown, and it he needs a truly-run rece he should get it with Hadayit taking them along. This sould also be run to suit Ho Long, who picked off Confirmation at Ayr only to find that tough cott coming back and wearing han down. Blue Kitte can run his usual a gound race but may need to be better then ever to whithis. Selection: MULAHEN

2.30 DAVYGATE MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £8,000 added 3YO 1m 2f 85yds Penaity Value £5,952

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£9,500 without incurring penalty. It alleged that under the system rogue bookmakers could keep hold of their levy payments and then go bankrupt or abscond with the funds.

However, the Levy Board chief executive, Rodney Brack, yesterday described the allegations as "mischievous, inac-

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ment in him. Pashion Victim is up 8th for a narrower win at Ayr but clearly has plants of samples and will not mind any rain.

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4.00 RACING CHANNEL CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS D)

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4.30 BADGER HILL APPRENTICE HANDICAP (CLASS E) 58,000 added 1m 4f Penalty Value £6,418

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ing back over a mae and a had should help. Monitoristo is lumbered with 10 stone but looks sure to make his presence felt following wins at Hamilton and Newbury. Ree Guest, also runs Classic Ballet, consistent and holding her form well. A far less exposed thy is Zibeth, who won a Goodwood handcap on her first start for Smon Dow. There is no reason why she should not improve. Riccarton pulled two and a half lengths clear of Ferfields Prince when bearing a big field at Beverley two races ago, a performance which suggests he has a chance at this trip.

Selection: TARKIEN

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Board's procedures". He said the Board always pursued defaulters and that there are 37 legal actions outstanding to reclaim an estimated £50,000.

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#### O'Brien's Empire is directed towards France

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made when an impressive win-

ner over the same course last

month in the Group Three

O'Brien has also left in his

The favourite for next year's acceptors for Sunday's Group Derby will be on view this weekend. The unfortunate news for any British racing enthusiast hoping for a glimpse of Second Empire is that the exciting two-year-old is running at Longchamp and is unlikely to grace these shores until he is a Prix des Chenes. three-year-old.

The juvenile heads the eight

manche Creek 4.40 Noble Tom

HYPERION

2.10 Miss Ondee 2.40 Have A Brandy 3.10

Name Of Our Father 3.40 Big Pat 4.10 Com-

GOING: Good to Firm (Firm in places).

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12 from 72 (187%): P Habbe 11 from 59 (19%).

LEADING JOCKEYS: A Maguire — 19 wins from 93 rides gives
a success ratio of 25.4%; R Durwoody 14 from 49 (28.8%); A P NoCoy III from 49 (22.4%): A Thomston 9 from 87 (13.4%).

BERGERSE FIRST TUME: None.

2.10 BLANDFORD BETTING JUVENILE NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) 53,000

BETTRICE 8-11 Miles Ondeo, 7-2 Top Shelf, 5-1 Milety Cay, 8-1 Sever Se-

2.40 INVERSHIN NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £4,100 added 2m 4f

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LUDLOW

The Prix Morny winner, Charge D'Affaires, is one of four One Grand Criterium over a French acceptors. mile and the Irish trainer Aidan Borgia, a strong-finishing O'Brien will be expecting his

third to Peintre Celebre in last Sunday's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, has been entered by his German connections in December's Hong Kong International Vase in Sha Tin, won last year by Clive Brittain's Luso. York winner Saratoga Springs.

> sight: 10st, True handicap weights: Thirty Bolow 9st 2fs, Dayonnia

> 3.10 RADIO SHROPSHIRE STAYERS HAND-ICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) 53,750 added

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4 10 BODENHAM ENGLISH WINES NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,100 edded 3n

SETTING: 8-15 Commencine Creek, 5-1 Gover-Stave, Longcroft, 13-2

4.40 BRIDGNORTH NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) 83,000 added 2m 

SETTENC: Evens Desart, 11-4 Down The Yard, Noble Ton, 8-1 Junior Bon, 25-1 Rustra, 23-1 others

#### **EXETER**

HYPERION 2.20 Irish Dominion 2.50 Lombardic 3.20 Primitive Streak 3.50 He Knows The Rules 4.20 Indian Temple 4.50 Steer Point

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RUGBY LEAGUE

#### Britain given boost by clubs' failure

There could be a silver lining for the national side in the abject failure of British clubs in the World Club Challenge. The absence of British teams from the semi-finals this weekend means that Andy Goodway has an un- 🖫 broken run of three weeks during which to prepare his squad to face Australia in November.

"Purely from the point of view of the national side, it could well be a good thing," the British team manager. Joe Lydon, said. "If Wigan, for instance, had reached the final, we would not have been able to get the full squad together until a week before the first Test."

As it is, the party which will be whittled down to 22 next Tuesday will - with one possible exception - be available to concentrate entirely on preparing for the opening Test at Wembley on 1 November.

The exception is Denis Betts, who plays for Auckland in the WCC semi-final at Brisbane tomorrow. If Auckland reach the final, Betts will join the Great Britain squad a week into its huild-up.

Lydon hopes to hear by weckend wbether the Australian Rugby League will release Gary Connolly and Jason Rohinson for the series.

The turbulence is continuing at promoted Hull, with their football manager and former chief executive, Peter Tunks, leaving at the end of the month after being offered an incentive contract for next season. "I feel I have done what I can with the resources available," Tunks said. Hull have also lost a coach, a chairman and several directors since clinching promotion to Super League.

Blackpool Gladiators, demoted in 1993 and now playing in the Alliance, are to apply to take Oldham's place in the League if they fold under their current problems. Blackpool believe that they have been promised reinstatement if a vacancy occurs. In a separate move, Widnes have applied to take Oldham's place in the First Division if they fail to survive.

Oldham's neighbours. Rochdale Hornets, have offered to put them up at Spotland if they have no ground on which to play next season.

MOTOR RACING

#### France out of FI calendar

The French Grand Prix has been omitted from next year's Formula One world championship calendar, which was announced in Paris yesterday by the FIA, the international governing body of motor sport.

Jacques Regis, the president of the Freoch automobile federation, confirmed that the FIA bad decided not to include France in the calendar following a dispute over television

The private French channel TF1 have paid the FIA for the rights, but are currently the subject of court action by the French state channel, FR3, which claims it has the right to broadcast any motor race on French territory.

The FIA had warned that the action meant France would not appear on the 1998 calendar, but French officials had hoped a gap would be left in the calendar allowing the race to be added once the dispute had been resolved.

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1998 PORMELA ONE GRAND PROX PROGRANNIE: 8 March: Australian Grand Prox
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July: British (Silvestone); 25 July: Austran (Spiebern); 2 August: German (Fockenheim); 18 August: Hungarian (Budapest);
30 August: Beiglan (Spa-Francorcharines);
13 September: Italian (Monza); 27 September: Lucembourg (Nürtusgring, Gar-

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RACING SERVICES

#### RESULTS

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2 Polly Golightly 18-1; 3. Pleasure Time 23-1; 4. Kram 8-1, 21 tan. 13-2 tay Mon

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Newmarks Total SA20; \$200, \$170, \$480. DF: \$1730 CSF: \$2581 Thicast \$1916. The \$13.90. NR: Yalfa, (9-1) withdrawn not un-der orders. Rule 4 deduction on all bass, 10p in the pound. 4.00: 1. CHIM CHIMINEY (M Hills) 10-1; 2. Achilles 3-1; 3. Guiddell 20-1, 15 ran. 2. Achilles 3-1; 3. Gustoment 20-1, 15 mm. 13-8 km/ Detinctive Denois (4th), Nr. 6. (B Hills, Lambourn). Rote: £450; £260, £160, £820. DF: £2690. CSF: £4050. Triot \$4240. NR: Bases 74. 2% (Bob Jones, Newmarket). Buse 92407 CRV £800 SB70 £250 DF: £28160.

4.30: 1. CELESTIAL CHOIR (K Falor) 4-1 fer; 2. Hots Express 10-1; 3. Milister Pink 14-1 12 ran. 3'h, 5. (J.L. Eyra, Thirsk). Tota: 5480; 5480, 5420, 5490. Oual Foresest £3230 Computer Straight Forecast: 91434. Trio: £18700. NR: Oops Petitis.

5.00: 1, MINNAH (R Has) 5-2 tax; 2. Love ademy 7-2; 3. Masha-II 100-30, 7 ran. 5, 2 h. (D Morley, Newmarket), Tota: 52.70; \$180, \$250 DF: \$610 CSF: \$1100 NF: Ryefield, (11-2) withdrawn not under orders. Fluis 4 deduction on board prices only. 5p in the

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2.10: 1. SLUE DESERT (R Mulen) 8-1; 2. Royal Ground 7-4 lar, S. Utile Crack-er 50-1. 18 ram. 8, 2. (M Bel, Newmarket). Tota: £780; £230, £120, £830. Duai Forecast: £410. Computer Straight Forecast: £874. NR: Candy Twist. Tric: £1870. 240: 1. KATE KOMATE (A Mackey) 8-1; 2. Kees Alhews 12-1; 3. Up in Flames 20-1 16 ram 5-1 km Nasode Match, (21), 11/4, 21/4 (Cept J Wilson, Preston), Totar 26-50; £2-20, £2-50, £7-50, DF: \$37.70, CSF: £57-50, Tric-

est £108371 Ho: £18120 NPs: Falcon Piciga omesticad, May Queen Megan. 3.10: 1. CATO'ORO (S Drowne) 5-2 feet. 2. Duello 10-1; 3. Winston 6-1; 4. Impulsalva Air 16-1 18 ran. Nr. 1%. (G Belding Fy-fald) Tota: E8:20; 52:0 5140, 5180, 5240 DF;

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PHAD CSF: ESIGN Tricest: ESAGAR Trice 53470 NES LE Chatelaine, Wild Nettle. 3.40: 1. SHALFORD'S HONOUR (G Had) 5-8 tay, 2. Territory 5-1; 3. Odette 7-2 16 ten. 1. 1/k, (W. Jarvis, Newmarket). Total: 1250; 1170, 1250, 1190, DF: 1390. CSF: 12-8. Tho: 15/11, NR: Landrium CSP: £12:8. This SAIS NR: Landrium.
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Lysandros 5-1; 3. Quibbling 20-1 10 ren.
8: 8 (B. Street, Lamboum). Rote: £130: £151,
£150: £140: DF: £170: CSF: £172. This £580.
4.40: 1. SECRET BALLOT (W. J. O'Connon) 6-1; 2. Tipperery Surset 13-2; 3. DocRyan's 14-1; 4. Flying Flip 33-1. 17 ren.
9-2 fer Noble Dens 57t-10; 4 (K. Markit, Newmarken). Toler: £5.30: £150: £240; £300.
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P27.40. DF: £42.70. CSF: £42.8. Tricast. £553.8.3. Tric: £17.50. MF: Rage! Reprimend. 5.10: 1. CONTRARIE (P.McCabe) 10-1:

2. Course Fishing 14-1; 3. Pateamon 7-2 ter; 4. Golden Melody 15-1. 16 nan. 2, 1 /s. (M. Ryan, Newmarkst). Tota: £12.60; £210. £140. £200. £1090. DF: £5700. CSF: £14008. Tricest 196896, Tric; £152.40 NRs. Aurelan, Delwrinnie. Piacepot: 19850. Quadpot: 58.00. Place 6: £17610. Place 5: £93.75.

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2.20: 1, SHIKARGE (A PMCOy) 2-11 fav. 2. Thomas Crown 12-1; 3. Just For A Resson 10-1 4 ran 2/h. /h. (A Pipe) Totas 2:10. DF: 22A0 CSP: 5336 2.50: 1. ROSSELL ISLAND (R Farrant)

10-1; 2. Mr Montague 5-1; 3. Derring Floss 20-1; 15 ran. 7-4 fev Prince Knisky. 2%, 8. (Mrs. J. Pisman). Tota: 1:800; 14:20, 1170, 1180 DF: 23330. CSP: 15882. Trio: 127380.

3.20: 1. RANGITIKEI (R Durwoody) 1-2 fer, 2. Glasse 7-1; 3. What is The Pien 16-1.

test, 2. Ghrma 7-1; 3. When in The Pilen 18-1 4 ran. 2, dist. (C. Marry). Doze 1MO. DF: 52-40. CSF: 54:33. NR: Chieppood. 3.50; 1. KARIEN'S TYPHOON (A.P. Mc-Coy) 7-2; 2. Spirit Lavel 11-4; 3. Windsma-One 2-1 test Bran. 11-3, 3. (T. McGovern). Total 94:20; 1. SCI. D. P. £7:30. CSF: 51266. 4.20; 1. SCI. DG ERM (S. McMoll) 2-1 fav. 2. Count Berechole 7-1; 3. Keep it Zipped. 6-4.5 ran. 11 (nk. (A. Jones). Total 52:30; £160. 52:50. DF: £140. CSF: £1444. 4.50; 1. SCRIPT (A. Maguire). 18-1; 2. Squire's Occasion 12-1; 3. A. S. Jim 3-1 fav. 9 ran. 31/k, 11/k, 11/k-11/kn. CSF: £1440; £180. 53:50, £2:10. DF: £1440. CSF: £14483. Trio-set: £57750. Trio: 520090. 0891 261 + LIVE COMMENTARIES RESULTS YORK LUOLOW 972 982 973 EXETER 983 0891 261 970 ast 267750 Trio: \$200.90 Placepot: \$170.80 Quadpot: \$2990. Calls cand 50p per minute. LLL pic, Scratture St 8C2A 47 Place 6: £10187. Place 5: £7946.

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## Long-term goals force moulding of a new England

Faces come and go, but the nucleus of Glenn Hoddle's squad remains constant, Glenn Moore considers how the England side of today has developed, aided by the modernising policies of Terry Venables, Hoddle's predecessor as national coach.

Many have heen called hut only a few have been regular-

modernising progress begun by Terry Venables. Hoddle's team to play Italy

on Saturday will be his 13th. Venables, playing friendlies exclusively, had capped 39 players by that stage. Hoddle, playing mainly World Cup qual-ifiers, will have capped 35 and called a staggering 48 into his squads. That he has won six of the seven matches that mattered prior to Saturday is quite an achievement.

by Venables' policy of introducing promising young playcluster of new faces and a successor. Of Hoddle's 35 picks

land teams have continued the Nicky Butt and Paul Scholes, Liverpool's David James and late developer Andy Hinchcliffe) are new caps.

Venables, at the same stage, had chosen 19 new faces which was an indication of how radical a change his football philosophy was from Graham Taylor. Hoddle has chosen three players Taylor capped and Ven-

ables ignored, Nigel Martyn, Martin Keown and Stuart Ripley, but has generally relied In this he has been helped upon the same core - David Seaman, Gary Neville, Gareth Southgate (who has appeared ly chosen. There have been a ers, a trend continued by his in 11 of Hoddle's malches. more than any other), Paul sprinkling of older ones, but in only five (Manchester United Ince, Paul Gascoigne, Alan then ready, In addition, Matt Le which is at its best when general, Glenn Hoddle's Eng- youngsters David Beckham, Shearer and Teddy Sheringham. Tissier, rejected by Venahles, counter-attacking,

Darren Anderton and Tony Adams would have featured more if fit. Of Venables' other key players, David Platt was quickly forgotten, Steve McManaman left on the periphery, Graeme Le Saux recalled when hack to fitness and Stuart Pearce persuaded out of retirement.

Yet, despite the familiar faces, this is recognisably Hoddle's team. He will be grateful to Venables for blooding Sol Campbell, hut he had only played 29 minutes, while Ian Wright, David Batty and Roh Lee had been discarded, Hinchcliffe never considered and Beckham and Scholes were not

would have been consistently involved under Hoddle had it not been for injury.

The team's playing style has also evolved. Hoddle, having begun with a rigid 3-5-2 hased on the German model has, like Venables, introduced greater flexibility while concentrating on having numbers in midfield.

But while Venables, huilding towards a European Championship on home soil, sought to create a side with the emphasis on possession and attacking width, Hoddle has had different aims. With a World Cup in France as the long-term goal, he has moulded a side

hind a defence which has been drawn forward. With the onus on Italy to attack, this could be an ideal tactic on Saturday and the Italians know and fear it. They will not would have been tried out in Le ago to Hoddle, it is another ega want to be drawn forward, hut Tournoi had he not been in- to Barmby.

only a purist's delight hut also

an outstanding exponent of

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"hoof" but the ball played to a

runner. Beckham, Sheringham

and Scholes are all fine long

passers and Wright's rejuvena-

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first offered through Shearer's

mobility. As England proved in

Georgia, Poland, and at Le

Tournoi, international defences

can be vulnerable to the long pass if it is played accurately befavours.

As a player, Hoddle was not the longer the game goes with-

out a home goal, the more they

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ing an international team.
So is the identity of Houdle's think of the play-offs, while a draw would allow him to confüst goalscorer, Nick Barmby, tinue developing his side with a series of friendlies. The big in Moldova. He played well question is whether he would then but his poor club form, out think there is enough time to of range of Hoddle's influence, means he has not played adopt the sweeper system he since. If that sunny afternoon m Chisinau seems a long time

### Tardelli has the expertise in stress rapture

One person in particular will understand the pressures on the Italian and English players when they face each other in the Stadio Olimpico.

Marco Tardelli won a World Cup winners medal with Italy, and will be actively involved again in Saturday's game as the No 2 to the Italian coach Cesare Maldini. He talked to lane Nottage.

For foothall fans around the world Marco Tardelli's passionate celebration of the spectacular second goal of the final against West Germany was one of the definitive images of the 1982 World Cup finals.

Yet little more than a fortnight earlier the Italians had been widely castigated by their own press and supporters. think: 'Where the hell did he Maldini was made coach of the Tardelli, we can assume, knows all about pressure. "In 1982 everyone said we

were finished," he said. "We had enormous pressure on us, but that made us close ranks and unite. We were more together as a team than ever before. This kind of mental strength comes from within and it is this strength that we need to win on Saturday. I think in the end the team that wins will be the one with the right mental attitude as well as talent."

As far as talent is concerned, Tardelli is impressed by many of England's young players. "One of the best England players is Paul Scholes. He was on excellent form during the Tournoi in France last summer, and since then he has come into his own. He's dangerous because you don't see him but he inflicts the most damage. You think everything is under control when suddenly there he is threatening to score, and you

come from?

David Beckham is another class player, although he has yet to score for England. But the man I fear most is Glenn Hoddle. He was a classy, elegant player with great vision and passing ahility, and he has incorporated that in the team. He's changed the old 4-4-2 to hring five players in defence. and that combines the old style with the new. I also think both [Tony] Adams and [David] Seaman will be the cornerstones of England's defence."

In recent weeks Tardelli has made several visits to Britain, taking in the games between Wimbledon and Crystal Palace. Chelsea and Arsenal, Manchester United and Chelsea, and Manchester United and Juventus. All provided opportunities for Tardelli to help Maldini. The two formed their partnership when they looked after the Italian under-21 side. and continued with it when

national team last December.

Still the playing memories linger. "You know, when I walk into the Olympic Stadium on Saturday I will ask myself the same question that I always ask: 'Could I still play?'" He pauses before smiling: "And the answer is always oo. At first it was difficult to make the transition from player to management. but now I feel my new role is as stimulating as playing."

Things have changed since Tardelli's day, not least on the financial front Does he think the huge pay packets have produced less hungry players? "Definitely. When you carn £100,000 a year you are still hungry for more, but when you are on a contract worth several million pounds I think it takes away the edge."

Not that this will be a problem on Saturday. "When you have a place in the World Cup finals at stake you don't need

#### Goram out for Scotland

Goalkeeper Andy Goram has been ruled out of Scotland's World Cup qualifier against Latvia on Saturday with a knee injury. St Johnstone's Alan Main has been called up as understudy to Jim Leighton, Billy McKinlay (ankle), and Ally Mc-Coist (hamstring) are also douhtful.

Keith Gillespie is one of three players to withdraw from Northern Ireland's squad for their qualifier in Portugal. The Newcastle winger has a goin injury. Wigan's Pat McGibbon (knee) and Chester's lain Jenkins (ankle) have also dropped out

The Motherwell striker Tommy Coyne and Tranmere midfielder Liam O'Brien have been recalled to the Republic of Ireland squad to play Romania.

#### Sacked Molby's parting shot Jan Molby yesterday found himself out of work for the first time

since he arrived in England 13 years ago after being sacked as the manager of Swansea City. The 34-year-old Molby, whose deft touches in the Liverpool and Danish midfield de-

fied an ample frame, was shown the door, ostensibly for Swansea being fifth from bottom in the Third Division That was not how he saw it, however. "I get the feeling they

want a man they can manipulate, who will do as he is told," said Molby, who guided Swansea to the play-off final last season 15 months after being given his first managerial post by the former Swansea chairman, Doug Sharpe. "I was not even asked to re-

sign. I was sacked straight away," Molby said after being dismissed, together with his assistant Billy Ayre, by the new owner, Neil McClure. "It is true that the results had heen poor. But I think there was more to

"I do not think they wanted me here from the start. I was not their choice and they made it as difficult as possible for me by refusing to let me bring in new players. I think the results have given them the perfect opportunity to get rid of me."

Although Alan Curtis . the vouth team manager and former Swansea striker, has the task of lifting morale hefore Saturday's trip to third-placed Exeter. the former Fulham manager Micky Adams is the favourite to slip into Molby's seat.

First Division Portsmouth and Third Division leaders Peterborough have both heen fined £12,500 - with £10,000 susnended until June 1998 - by the Football Association following a Coca-Cola Cup rumpus. The clubs pleaded guilty to failing to control their players, after a brawl during the first-round tie

at Fratton Park on 26August. The FA also took a dislike to Paolo Di Canio, Sheffield Wednesday's £4.5m record

signing, baring his bottom after scoring against Wimbledon and the Italian striker is to appear before a disciplinary panel charged with misconduct.

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First England have to

Jeff Kenna has agreed a new three-year contract which will keep hun at Blackburn Rovers until after the millennium. The 27-year-old defender was signed from Southampton £1.5m two seasons ago.

Barry Horne looks set to become Peter Jackson and Terry Yorath's first signing at Huddersfield. Birmingham, who have bought the midfielder Chris Marsden from Stockport for £500,000, are prepared to let the 35-year-old Home go on a

free transfer. Wemhley will close in the summer of 1999 for a facelift that will leave only the twin towers standing. The project got the final go-ahead yesterday with the release of £20m in funding from the Sports Council. The stadium will reopen in 2002. - Nick Duxti

### Italy won at Wembley through a resolute act of will and technical superiority

Tension can stunt a footballer, but evidence argues powerfully that experienced internationals are fully grown. To make the level at all, they first survive other tests of their skill and endurance. As they rise, pressure rises with them.

Pressure plays on them, but, in the imprecision of human behaviour, one can never anticipate how. Bobby Moore performed at his best when most was at issue. "The best defender I've ever played against," Pele said of him. Moore's attention often diffused over a long cluh season. Important games refocused it.

Manchester United's defeat of Juventus last week in the Champions' League resulted, in the main,

their teamwork. Much less was required to easily overcome Crystal Palace in a Premier League game at Old Trafford three days later. "You couldn't help feeling that some of the United players were bored," a Palace supporter said.

Put the fact of interrupted rhythm to coaches and they nod, curiously restrained. "I couldn't helieve it," one recently said when referring to the sudden, mystifying collapse of a star player's form. "Our best man one week, our worst the the next. It can happen."

As Glenn Hoddle has grown to know, international football is a world apart, with its own set of imponderables. No matter how close from the sustained intensity of the England coach's scrutiny, he

cannot be sure that the men chosen to start against Italy on Saturday will be at their best mentally. A player can look great in rehearsals, hut on the night he gives

a poor performance. The most successful of Hoddle's predecessors, Alf Ramsey, used to explain his position this way: "It's mostly about selection, not asking players to perform tasks that make them uncomfortable." Ramsey's great rival, Helmut Schon of West Germany, said: "You don't cling to outstanding players, they cling to you because of their intelligence and

willingness to work for the team." Hoddle was understandably encouraged by England's successful effort in the Tournoi de France, but out whatever the circumstances,



a view held here is that too much was read into a victory over Italy

that figures prominently in assessments of this week's proceedings. A traditional feature of England's national team is to play flat

their commitment as complete in . friendly matches as World Cup ties. An impression gained from watching last summer's encounter on television was that England took it more seriously than their opponents.

In their dogged refusal to accept this, some pundits are as perilously placed as horse players blind to evidence of deliberate idleness in

Does the recent history of English football tell us anything more important than that Italy, through a resolute act of will and technical superiority, held their ground to win at Wemhley? I don't think so.

Even with such notables as Franz Beckenbauer and Günther

many gave themselves little chance of holding England at Wembley when attempting to qualify for the 1972 European Championship finals. "Even though we'd defeated them in the 1970 World Cup everything seemed against us," Beckenbauer said. "We were nervous in the dressing-room because England had many fine players and appeared very confident, but the hreaks went our way and we sur-

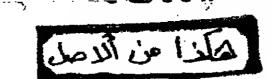
many of our supporters by winning No great significance should be attached to the fact that it is 36 years

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. Netzer in the team, West Gerwelcome a repeat of the good fortune evident in reports of the 3-2 victory on 24 May 1961.

Doubtless people find it encouraging when somebody in Hoddle's position speaks about sending a team out to play positively but a pretty safe bet is that England, with the advantage of two options, will sensibly seek to establish a balance.

And while it is important today for a foothall coach to be well schooled in strategy and tacties, nothing matters more than indi-vidual ability. There has been enough evidence lately to suggest that English foothall has made technical advances. Enough to since England last succeeded on achieve victory in Rome? I doubt Italian soil, although Hoddle will it.



Two of English rugby's most extravagant spenders yesterday painted a bleak picture of the game's financial

As Harlequins and racens count the cost of professionalism. Chris Hewett examines the fallout from two years of madhouse economics.

Earlier this week, Harlequins ended months of patient negotiation by confirming Zinzan Brooke, the great All Black No 8, as their big-name signing for next season. They intend to pay him a reported £350,000 over the next two years, so it was just a little rich to hear Guy Williams, the Londoners' financial director, call yester- gle by blaming his balanceday for the introduction of a salary cap.

Eveo more astonishingly, Williams singled out his own club's spiralling expenditure on foreign talent as symptomatic of the wider financial difficulties hovering over England's leading professional clubs. "Players know their power in demanding higher salaries and it is out of control," he said. "It is detrimental to English rugby and there has to be a reappraisal in order to put in place a salary structure to cover all four home unions. Otherwise we will reach a situation where clubs in the First and Second Divisions will suffer greatly."

Williams' fears were echoed by Nigel Wray of Saracens, although the owner of the Watford-based club approached

# **New Zealand** feeling the strain

Mental fatigue from a long and intense season is causing concern for the New Zealand squad before their tour of Britain, according to the team doctor, John Mayhew.

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The 36-man contingent, who will play two Tests in England and one each against Ireland and Wales in November and December, will be named

But the tour comes at the end of an arduous season for them and Mayhew said: "There concern because some play-

ers are worse off than others. It is getting to the stage where we've had players who have been relieved to be injured just so they can get a break. Not that they want to be injured, but mentally they just need to get away for a while."

Maybew said Anckland, who contributed 11 players to the Ali Blacks for their eight Tests from June to September, are one of the worst affected sides in the National Provincial Championships because of the intensity and length of the season.

"They weot through the Su-12, played and won the Super 12 final then had a lot of players in the All Blacks, and now they're having to play in a tough NPC competition," he

Mayhew said the All Blacks coach, John Hart, is aware of the strain on his leading players and is doing all he can to ensure the tourists will be refreshed by the time they arrive in Britain. Mayhew is relieved the Test squad will not be put in such a stressful position again, leading into the 1999 World Cup.

Next year I think we only ale seven Tests and no end-of- final play-offs.

Britain's former world cycling

fine-trial champioo, Chris

Boardman, must beat the reign-

ing champion, Alex Zulle of

Switzerland, in San Sebastian,

Spain, today if he is to reclaim

Zülle won last year's title m

Lausanne 10 days after winning

his crown.

year tour, and that will make it more bearable for the players," he said.

Australia's provincial rugby unioo players have been guaranteed minimum salaries of £25,000 under a historic agreemeot with officials.

More than 100 players from the three provincial sides and a selected squad of élite national team players will benefit following the conclusion of year-long negotiations. Also included in the agree-

tees full payment of player's annual cootracts regardless of The Players' Association president, Tony Dempsey, said

ment is a clause which guaran-

the deal, the first of its kind in rugby union, was based on an agreement used in American "It's been a long hard road for us. It's the culmination of

12 months hard work and I'd Brooke-sized contract midway reckon 50 or 60 meetings with the Unions to get this far," Dempsey said. "We didn't get all the things our own way but we got all the

things we wanted through. There is no other agreement like this in the rugby world." Scotland lock Stewart Campbell makes a welcome return to the Caledonia Reds squad as they prepare for Saturday's final European Cup pool match at Llanelli. The 13-times capped second row has recovered from a spiral fracture of a finger which has forced him to miss the Reds' first five group matches. Stand-off Bryan Easson is also back in the party for a match which Caly must win to stand a chance of reaching the quarter-

World champion stands in Boardman's way

tory in the same event.

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was forced to retire from the

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helped him finish the season fit-

The 29-year-old Swiss rider

sheet problems oo the oumber of matches sardined into a chaotic fixture list. "I have lost millions through

my involvement," he said. "The top clubs are being forced to shut down on nine lucrative weekends to accommodate four pre-Christmas internationals and the Five Nations' Championship, which is crazy. A professional sport cannot limp along like this: the major investors will not pump in money season after season if club games are going to be

Both clubs are not alone in their discomfort. One recent estimate put the combined operating losses of England's 10p-flight clubs at £15m and although all but a couple have managed to attract substantial sugar-daddy investment, there are disturbing signs that the novelty is beginning to wear off.

Harlequins have lost their original "fat cat", John Beckwith, after only a single season's involvement. Beckwith, who pumped £3m into the Stoop last year, bas sold his share of the club to Duncan Saville, an Australian businessman, although he retains a 10 per cent interest. Saville, who has invested an extra £1m, now owns 39 per cent of Quins, with the outstanding 51 per cent in the hands of the trustees.

The oew deal will ease the worries of a club which shelled out £1.5m in wages and lost a seven-figure sum last season, but Williams, a chartered accountant, believes there is urgent need for action on a united front. "The potential from rugby is huge, but oot instantaoeous," he said. "The overheads are instantaneous, however. If, for example, Newcastle make a big purchase, this has a rippling effect down to other clubs."

Newcastle, who sent the money-go-round spinning off the face of the earth by signing another New Zealander, Va'aiga Tuigamala, on a through last season, are unlikely to be impressed by Williams' plea for a salary cap. Sir John Hall, the Geordies' fiercely independent owner, is convinced that hard cash will bring tangi-

bie rewards. But he may well support Wray's push for a revamped fixture list loaded in favour of the professional clubs. Wray wants to limit England's pre-Christmas activity to two internationals and backs a shorter,

sharper Five Nations format. "The fixture schedule does not give us a level playing field and without a club system, there is no basis for investment," he said. "But I believe we could be in a healthy positioo in five years if we get the right leadership."

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said: "Tve come here to win. I

don't want another season like

Russia's Viacheslav Ekimov,

another major contender, may

not be fit after a training crash

which left him needing six

stitches in his scalp.

that but the rest did help."



Greg Rusedski hits out during his 7-6, 6-4 win over the Ukraine's Andrei Medvedev in Vienna yesterday

Photograph: Jacqueline Godany/Reuter

TENNIS

#### Rampant Rusedski follows Henman's lead

Greg Rusedski joined his British rival Tim Henman in the second round of the CA Trophy in Vienna yesterday wheo he defeated Andrei Medvedev in straight sets. Rusedski beat the Ukrain-

ian 7-6, 6-4 in an hour and a quarter, after Henman had beaten the higher-ranked Spaniard Felix Mantilla 6-4,

There were no breaks of serve in the first set before Rusedski, the world No 4, won it on a tie-break with his third set point. He had already saved three set points himself before Medvedev dumped a second serve return into the oet.

The British No 1 then broke serve in the ninth game of the secood set and won on his third match point.

in the world, eased through the first set, but struggled in the second as the Spaniard, the world No 14, began to pull out some excellent passing shots.

Henman served three double-faults in the sixth game of that set, which he duly lost. and it looked then as if the British player was on his way out. But, in the final set, Henman took the game to Mantilla, producing a wide variety of shots, which led to him breaking the Spanlard's serve

in the seveoth game. This proved crucial as both players held serve for the rest of the match, Henman eventually clinching victory oo the first of his three match points.

"I was very happy with my

game up until 6-4, 3-2. But then

Earlier, Henman, ranked 21 I made three double-faults and gained just one more game in the set," Henman said. "I knew he had had all his best results oo clay and I knew he was a very solid player."

Henman now meets Sweden's Jan Apell, who is ranked 727th after three shoulder operations kept him out of the game for more than a year. The French Open cham-

pion, Gustavo Kuerten, became the third seed to be eliminated wheo he lost 6-4, 6-4 in the second round to Czech Bohdan Ulihrach yesterday. The hard-court tournament has already lost its two top seeds, Yevgeoy Kafelnikov and Sergi Bruguera, in the first round, leaving Rusedski and Goran Ivanisevic as the

Kuerten, 21, the fifth seed and world No 11, was visibly exhausted from his three-set battle against Spain's Albert Costa on Tuesday - his first match since mjuring his ankle at the Grand Slam Cup in Mu-

Chris Wilkinson lost his second-round match in the Singapore Opeo yesterday. The British No 3 was beaten 6-4, 6-3 by the rising German player, Nicolas Kiefer, but was

not downhearted by the result. "The tournament is going fine and I am playing well. British tennis is getting better game," he said.

Mark Woodforde both go out at the first-round stage."

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Wilkinsoo will be looking for further success in the douhles tournament where he has reached the quarter-finals with the American David

Wilkinson will be involved io the British National Championships in Telford next month and expects the success of Britain's top two players to inspire a host of youngsters to come through in years to come.

"The success of Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski has all the time and that's a cred- been a great inspiration for the it to everyone involved in the youngsters in this country." he said. "It's been great for the Tennis is pretty much an British team and other playopen sport at the moment. ers are doing well on the back Even here we have seen No 1 of their success."

#### Lloyd threatens to resign as Davis Cup captain after dispute over contract

favourites.

Britain's campaign for a return to the Davis Cup World Group gained momentum with yesterday's draw, a second-round tie at home against Denmark or Ukraine next April. But, as lohn Roberts reports, there is a hint of unrest in the camp.

While Greg Rusedski and Tim Henman continued the quest to raise their world rankings in Vienna yesterday, David Lloyd, at the Davis Cup draw in London, threatened to walk out as Britain's captain.

Expressing disappointment with the progress of negotiations for a new

contract with the Lawn Tennis Association when his current agreement expires ocat March, Lloyd said: "We are in discussion, but at present they are only offering me an extension to the end of 1998. I've called for a three-year business plan to win the Davis Cup and I would like the LTA to give me a vote of confidence for that period. I want to lead the team, but if the players don't want me I would walk."

Lloyd made his point after Britain had drawn an opportunity to climb out of the Euro-African Group and become one of the élite 16 in the World Group. Seeded and given a bye in the first round, Britain will play Denmark or Ukraine at home in the second round next April. Victory would put Britain in a promotion play-off for the

Underlining his belief that Rusedski and Henman, backed by "some up and coming youngsters", could win the Davis Cup for Britain in three years, Lloyd said: "It would be bigger than any individual winning a tournament, with the exception of Wimbledon. It will be like lifting the Ryder Cup."

John Crowther, the LTA's executive director, said: "We are right behind David and we are happy to confirm that we are trying to keep him. The simple fact of the matter is that David's contract expires in March next year. The LTA wishes to extend his contract. We remain committed to David remaining as captain of the Davis Cup team and we are in the process of negotiating with him. We are not prepared to conduct oegotiations with David through the media."

Newcastle, London and Telford are being considered as possible venues for the tie in April. Britain, it will be remembered, defeated Ukraine on a clay court in Kiev last July. "It's a good draw," Lloyd said, "but with the players we've got we shouldo't be frightened of anybody." He added, however, that he was "pleased we've avoided Croatia with Goran Ivanisevic."

The United States and Russia. who cootested the 1995 final in Moscow, are drawn to meet in the first round of the World Group in April. We hope to site the match near a large metropolitan area where there is a large Russian populatioo to keep guests happy," Harry Marmion, president of the United States Tennis Association, said. How times have

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Glesgow Hawks player following a punching incident during Saturday's

temational. Craig Murray, requiring plastic surgery to repair his distigured face. Murray, who also had to have 19 stitches inserted above his eye, is now

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2-6 6-4 8-3; M Gustafason (Swe) bit P Frechickgon (Swe) 6-1 8-4.

Argentina have named four English-based players in their squad for this month's Latin Cup competition. Bath forwards Federico Mendez and Ger-man Lianes, plus the Richmond pair Augustin Pichot and Rolando Martin are selected for matches against France, Italy and Romania between 18-26 October. LEMSTER (Halmaken Cup v Toelousta, Sel-under, France): K Noviane (St. Mary's College); D Holde (St. Meryti, N Ridge); Cld Selectoria, K Magustida (Lanadowne, capt); J NetWeeney (St Mary's College); A McCount (Stackock Col-lege), ID Officiality (Inacdowne); T Configni (Selector); D Mary's College); A McCount (St. Mary's College); H Kon (Lanadowne); T Breatsas (St Mary's College); S Roomey (Lanadowne); Y Costello (St. Mary's College); Repleasments: R Governey (Lanadowne); C Clarity (Senaus (Stackock College); J Blandy (Bartine College); E Byrns (St Mary's College); D O'Brian (DLSP).

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# Woosnam sours Ryder success by criticising Ballesteros

The euphoria which surrounded European golf's thrilling Ryder Cup triumph was somewhat punctured yesterday when Ian Woosnam broke ranks to reveal that he had not enjoyed the tournament and launched a scathing attack on Seve Ballesteros's style of captaincy. Andy Farrell reports from Wentworth.

Victory apart, Ian Woosnam did best fourball record in the his- heen there before. It was just was not a joke, apparently. not exactly enjoy his eighth Ryder Cup. The reason, he firmly believes, was Seve Ballesteros's style of captaincy, as he revealed in no uncertain terms yesterday when he became the first team member to sour the

success with critical comments. Clearly from the school that believes that if you don't like the way something is done, do it yourself, Woosnam has thrown his hat in the ring to take over from the Spaniard as captain for the next match in 1999,

Ballesteros did not overuse Woosnam at Valderrama, hut the Welshman does not know

tory of the event, with 10 wins in 14 outings, but he played only once, winning with Thomas Bjorn, before the singles, where he collapsed to Fred Couples

Jesper Parnevik in the first round of the World Match Play Championship here, is still far from a state of gruntlement. Bristling, more like it.

"I have been part of the Ryder Cup team many times and I didn't particularly enjoy it this time," he said. "I was on a high after we won and I felt very pleased for the lads who had why. The 39-year-old has the not played before. But I had

another one for me. Just a memory

"I would just like to have had a reason why I didn't play more. Seve did not talk to me about it, not even on the Sun-Woosnam, who today faces day night. If he had said to me I am not playing well, or asked what my feelings were I would have felt a bit happier about it."

> Not being told he was not playing was what upset Woosnam most. "It wasn't just me." he said. "Everybody was in the same boat. Seve had his own way of doing it."

When Ballesteros had said his players could find out on television who was playing, it

"That was right. At the end of the day it worked, yeah," Woosnam sighed.

"If I was captain, I would be more in touch with my players. I would be wanting to feel how they were feeling. Give them the opportunity if they weren't playing well to say, 'I am not playing that well'. In all the Ryder Cups I played before, there has been communication. I just didn't feel there was any this

A decision on who takes over from Ballesteros, who stated immediately after the match at Valderrama that he wanted to return to the ranks,

ifying for the 1999 march starts event was at odds with Woosnext September.

"I will have to see how I go, but I would love to be captain,' Woosnam said. "It would be something great to do."

Ballesteros, who is playing with Jose Maria Olazabal in the Open Novotel Petrier Four-ball in Bordeaux this week, did not agree with Woostam. He said: "I think I was a good captain. I talked to the players a lot and asked them their opinions, though I always had the final decision. I did what I thought was best for the 1eam. I gave them 100 per cent."

The view of at least one oth-

may be deferred until the qual- er player immediately after the against Parnevik in Friday's nam's. Antonio: Garrido, a compatriot of Ballesteros who

was playing in his first Ryder Cup, said: "He was not a captain, he was like a father for us. We put our hands on the clubs but he was the one who played the shots."

Woosnam, who won the Volvo PGA on the same course here in May, has been World Match Play champion twice hut his chance of calling the shots this time is diminished by the prospect of facing the threetime defending champion Ernie Els, who awaits the win-

second round.

The South African is on a nine-game winning streak in the competition and the saturated course should suit the powerful 27-year-old even more than usual. He is also fresh from a

five-week break. "Wentworth has been good to me in the past," Els said "I've got no idea why. I enjoy the golf course and, in match. play, I just go out to beat the

other guy. The 36-hole format helps especially when you can overturn a six-hole deficit at lunchtime, as Els did against ner of Woosnam's match Steve Stricker last year.

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## **Eternal optimists** arrive in Eternal City

The England players have arrived in Rome full of confidence for Saturday's crucial World Cup qualifier against Italy. However, Ion Ridley finds some old hands are cautioning against complacency.

England have sometimes arrived in Italy in the past on a wing and a prayer. Last night they landed in Rome with winghacks and a certainty in their ability to secure at least the draw they need to reach next summer's finals from Saturday's crucial World Cup qualifying match at the Olympic Stadium,

The theme of the week so far seems to have been how confident English players are now, given the showing of Euro '96, the gradual improvement during their Group Two qualifying matches and recent results in European club competition, notably Manchester United's victory over Italian champions Juvenius last week. Eternal optimism for the Eternal City.

There does seem a brashness and absence of fear within the England squad, notably among the younger players. David Beckham, one of United's tiros, went even further, believing that expectations of victory are not far-fetched. "We are not scared," he insisted. "At United, Alex Ferguson breeds us to win.

"I think there is a new feeling, not just in the players hut through the country with the fans who have been watching us for the past couple of years," he added. And the prospect of playing as right wing-back and confronting Paolo Maldini?

"Great player, hut I don't fear

The experienced England watcher always hristles at such hostage to fortune stuff, which recalls the opening titles of Dad's Army and that triangular Uniou Flag snapping defiantly at the Continent before withdrawing. From the comfort of une's own country, crowing does come easy. Once there, the size of the task suddenly be-It has been left to some of

the older heads to counsel against confidence turning to complacency. Paul Ince, veteran of two seasons with Internazionale, has already spoken this week of how dangerous the wounded Italians will he now that they need victory to go through automatically. The England goalkeeping coach, Ray Clemence, believes that silencing the crowd will be the important initial task.

"The Italians will believe they can win this game, but because they are a very proud nation, if it doesn't go right for them, the crowd can turn on the players quite quickly," said Clemence, who returned to Rome to win the European Cup with Liverpool in 1977 having lost 2-0 with England the previous year in an equally epic encounter.

"If you can turn the crowd on their own team, you are beading in the right direction to get a result. The atmosphere will be electric and it will be about players who have played hig games for their clubs and know how to handle the situation," Clemence said.

Temperament will thus be important, and Beckham believes his will stand the test, having re-examined himself after his suspension from the summer game against Brazil and having spoken to his club manager after the recent United game against West Ham when, for a while, it was clear that taunts about Beckham's girlfriend, Spice Girl Victoria Adams, had upset him.

"The manager has spoken to me about playing my game and the opponents, not the fans but I don't think there is a problem there really. It's going to be really hyped up on Saturday and hard to control your reaction but it's England here, not a Sunday league team so I have got to control myself," he said.

Hoddle clearly believes he will and believes, indeed, that Beckham and his young United team-mates are more than capable of meeting the challenge. "The United players are certainly in advance of their years as footballers, that's for sure," he said.

He preferred, too, to cast out the past mistakes of England in Italy, or indeed in not qualifying for previous World Cup finals. This year and next will be pivotal years for the English game, the Football Association's new technical director, Howard Wilkinson, said last week and Hoddle agrees.

"This game is all about the future," he said, although he shrugged off questions about it heing a turning point in English football's development. That, he said, has been a gradual process. "If we change the structure and concentrate on the youngsters, I can see us getting better tactically and technically," he added.

"The long-hall game had some success hecause of the rigid 4-4-2 system. That's what was so sad about our football. I always thought that if ever I was a coach I would du it different-



Cesare Maldini, the Italian coach, prepares Gianfranco Zola (left) for Saturday's crucial World Cup game in training yesterday

ly. In the last five years since we have changed the shape of the pitch, as I term it, with sometimes three at the back and sometimes one up front, we have been catching up with Italy, Spain and France: It was only mentally that you had to break

down barriers with our players. "We now have the defenders who can play in a back four or a three and strikers who can drop

Paul Gascoigne could find him-

self heing detained by Italian

police as he prepares to face

Italy in England's crucial World

Cup qualifier, a lawyer in traly

date back to his spell at Lazio

and an incident in Rome's city

centre on 27 January, 1994,

when he assaulted a paparazzi

his absence on 17 March this

year and given a suspended

jail sentence of three months.

However, Nanni's lawyer Ed-

mondo Zappacosta told the

Gazzetta dello Sport that they

now want to use Gascoigne's

Fifa has calted for players to

presence in Rome to press caping Italian justice."

Sliding tackle under threat

Gascoigne was convicted in

photographer, Lino Nanni.

Gascoigne's legal troubles

claimed yesterday.

Gascoigne 'could be locked up'

into midfield. We have more agility on our defensive side. Sol Campbell, for example, has got that mobility and I think we will get better once we change the thinking right through from cight to 15-year-olds. We will see in 10 years' time."

There was a conviction to Hoddle's words, which is clearly matched by his players - and it had nothing to do with the

their case for compensation.

Ouestioned over what could

be his next move, Zappacosta

said: "Asking the judge for the

player to be detained as a pre-

cautionary measure. My client

and I are evaluating the situation,

hut we don't want to have to re-

sort to making any dramatic en-

"Gascoigne has been notified

at every stage of the case, but has

always ignored the affair. He

hasn't even appointed a lawyer.

which has had to be done for

him. All we are asking for today

is a gesture of goodwill. Because

one thing is certain, sooner or lat-

er the player wilt have to pay Nanni damages. There is no es-

trances, like at the stadium.

Italian photographer seeking compensation from Paul Gascoigne after a court case in Rome and whom England's security presence was seeking to avoid as the squad was last night whisked to its training complex just outside the city, where it will spend the next three days. They had, it seemed, shed the excess baggage of the past.

Ciro Ferrara's condition has improved and the defender is now considered likely to start against England. Ferrara

strained a hamstring in a league match with Juventus on Sunday. The new England, Ken Jones, page 30

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hanned from launching theminitially upsetting (5) selves into tackles, to protect To entertain American the game's most gifted players. "We absolutely have to take

out aggression, especially in games where a lot is at stake." Sepp Blatter, secretary-general of foothall's world ruling body, said vesterday, adding that Fifa should "han all this sliding". "Players like Ronaldo

are being kicked to pieces these

days and that is not acceptable."

Blatter said the issue had already been raised with Fifa's International Board and would be fully discussed next March.

He also said Fifa hope to tighten the taws on back-passes so that goalkeepers will not be able to handle passes headed to them in the 1998 World Cup finals in France. He added that Fila want to

introduce professional referees in league's worldwide, "hetween now and the year 2000,"

#### EU attack on pay television

European Union officials have strongly criticised the trend which has seen crucial football matches - such as Saturday's World Cup qualifier between England and Italy - move to pay television stations.

That trend is likely to continue with Fifa, the sport's world governing body, planing to limit cuaranteed free and live transmission of 2002 World Cup to just four of the 64 games. "People should have access

free of charge," the European Union Commissioner Karel Van Miert said, "I really cannot imagine that people would only be able to receive such events through pay television." The 15 EU nations are expected to approve proposals that would guarantee EU citizens the right to watch major sporting events live and free on television.

 Uefa has split the fixtures for the fifth round of the Champions' League games into two nights. With no Cup-Winners' Cup matches scheduled for Thursday 27 November, half uf the 12 Champions' League games scheduled for Wednesday 26 have been put back 24 hours. Newcastle will visit Barcelona on the Wednesday, while Manchester United will entertain Kosice on the Thursday.

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